

## Council Members

R. Gary Allen  
Charmaine Crabb

Jerry 'Pops' Barnes  
Glenn Davis

Tyson Begly  
Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett  
Toyia Tucker

Judy W. Thomas  
Joanne Cogle

**Clerk of Council**  
Sandra T. Davis



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

January 9, 2024  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

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## MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Reverend Thad Haygood, St. Luke Church of Columbus, Georgia

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

### **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the December 12, 2023 Council Meeting and Executive Session and December 21, 2023 Special Called Meeting and Executive Session.

### **RECOGNITION:**

2. Saudi Aramco Group and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)

### **PROCLAMATION:**

3. **Proclamation:** National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

# **CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA**

## **ORDINANCES**

- 1.** **2nd Reading-** An Ordinance providing an increase to the Local Supplement for Muscogee County Sheriff Gregory Countryman effective January 1, 2024; and for other purposes. (As amended) (Councilor Tucker)
- 2.** **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4228 3rd Avenue** (parcel # 013-001-041) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
- 3.** **1st Reading-** REZN-10-23-2056: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3300 6th Avenue** (parcel # 014-019-010A) from Residential Multifamily- 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
- 4.** **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code to revise the text of a section in Chapter 6 pertaining to the application process for Resource Conservation Subdivisions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
- 5.** **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain portions of a district known as the Conversation Use Valuation Assessment, from RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning District to RE10 (Residential Estate 10) Zoning District. (Planning Department recommends approval.) (Councilors Allen and Davis)

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- 6.** A resolution establishing qualifying fees for county offices of the Consolidated Government to be filled in the 2024 elections. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
- 7.** A resolution authorizing payments to The Medical Center, Inc. dba Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown for indigent care services provided during FY 2023. (Councilors Barnes, Cogle, Davis, and Tucker)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Ms. Lisa Sparks, Re: To discuss neglect of the elderly.
2. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: The purchase of a business cell phone for City Council Members.
3. Ms. Rachel Glance, Re: The dangerous pit bulls in the neighborhood.
4. Ms. Evelyn Golden, Re: To discuss neglect of the elderly.
5. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Wage gap and poverty.
6. Mr. Nathan Smith, Re: Internal audit response.
7. Mr. Timothy Veals, Re: Concerns about the neighborhood not being cleaned up and safety on Head Street for pedestrians.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. PURCHASES**

- [A.](#) Weather Alert Radios – RFB No. 24-0015
- [B.](#) 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Project – RFB No. 24-0014
- [C.](#) Change Order 2 – METRA Park and Ride PI #0011435
- [D.](#) Demolition Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0024
- [E.](#) Staffing Software for Fire & EMS Department – RFP No. 19-0004
- [F.](#) Membership Dues for Georgia Municipal Association
- [G.](#) Video Wall Addition for Police Department
- [H.](#) Camera Integration Platform for Police Department
- [I.](#) Additional License Plate Reader (LPR) Cameras for Police Department

## **EMERGENCY PURCHASES**

### **1. DRONE FOR FIRE & EMS:**

On December 19, 2023, the Information Technology Department, on behalf of the Fire & EMS Department, requested the emergency purchase of a drone to be utilized by the Fire and EMS Department.

The DJI Matrice 250 RTK drone will be purchased from Flymotion (Tampa, FL), in the amount of \$37,966.22, by Cooperative Contract purchase via Sourcewell Contract #011223-FLM. The Drone has the ability to drop a personal flotation device to a person in distress in the river.

The equipment and the technology aspects of the purchase were vetted by Fire & EMS and the Information Technology Departments.

The purchase will be 100% funded by the 2023 SMART (Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation) grant. The purchase had to be expedited to take advantage of the 2023 grant funding. Consequently, the City Manager approved the emergency purchase on December 19, 2023, as a matter of public safety.

### **2. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A.** Godwin Creek Golf Course Update – Jim Arendt, Golf Director, Bull Creek/Oxbow/Godwin Creek Golf Courses
- B.** Columbus Police Department Recruitment and Retention – Reather Hollowell, Director, Human Resources, Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager, Finance, Planning & Infrastructure and Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

## **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** January 9, 2024

**January 12, 2024**

### **1. General Contractor Services and Housing Inspection Services for the Community Reinvestment Department (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0012**

#### **Scope of RFP**

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) invites qualified vendors to provide general contractor services (Option A) and housing inspection services (Option B) for rehabilitative single-family housing located throughout Columbus-Muscogee County. The Community Reinvestment Department will procure the services on an as-needed basis. **Vendors may submit proposals for one, both or all options.**



*Some activities could be a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded project which utilizes Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Contracts utilizing CDBG funding are subject to state and local laws, as well as federal regulations found in §2 CFR 200.317 through §2 CFR 300.327 and §24 CFR 570.611. Potential bidders must assure that all project activities will be administered in compliance with labor and civil rights laws and regulations for CDBG funded projects.*

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

#### **January 19, 2024**

##### **1. Professional Surveying Services for Finance Department/Revenue Division and Engineering Department (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0002**

###### **Scope of RFP**

Provide the Finance Department Revenue Division professional surveying services, on an “as needed” basis, in conjunction with the following: a) Application process for an Alcoholic Beverage License; and b) Application process for Class B Coin Operated Amusement Machines. Additionally, provide the Engineering Department with professional surveying services, on an “as needed” basis, in conjunction with various projects.

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

#### **January 24, 2024**

##### **1. Design and Construction Services for Golden Park Improvements – RFP No. 24-0019**

###### **Scope of RFP**

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting proposals from qualified contractors to engage a Design-Builder to design and construct improvements to Golden Park in order to bring it up to standards required by Major League Baseball. Applicants should have experience in designing and building baseball facilities. The estimated project cost is \$50 million. Project must be completed by April 2025. The selected Design-Builder will be responsible for all programming, design, and construction.

#### **January 31, 2024**

##### **2. Swim Gear and Lifeguard Accessories (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0021**

###### **Scope of RFB**

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to secure an annual contract with a vendor to provide various types of swimming gear and lifeguard accessories,

on an “as needed” basis, to the Columbus Parks and Recreation Division of the City of Columbus, Georgia.

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

**REFERRALS:**

**CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA**

**ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY**

1. Notice from Chief Appraiser- Suzanne Widenhouse, in accordance with Resolution No. 218-23, Re: Update to prior notice of August 1, 2023 and October 2, 2023, Tax Abatement Agreement on 2023 Series Bonds.

**ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

2. RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Councilor Toyia Tucker from the December 21, 2023 Special Called Meeting.

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

Audit Committee, August 16, 2023

Board of Elections & Registration, November 2, 2023

Board of Tax Assessors, #41-23 and #42-23

Board of Water Commissioners, December 11, 2023

Civic Center Advisory Board, November 16, 2023

Development Authority, November 16, 2023

Planning Advisory Commission, July 19, September 20, October 18 and November 1, and November 15, 2023

Recreation Advisory Board, May 27, July 29, and September 30, 2020 and March 31, August 25, September 29, and November 17, 2021

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

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

#### **A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

**Orrin Hergott**- Interested in serving another  
(Columbus Hockey Assoc. Rep.)

*(Mayor's Appointment)*

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 1, 2024

**Jed Harris, Jr.**

*(Mayor's Appointment)*

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: March 1, 2023

*These terms are three years. Meets quarterly.*

**Women: 3**

**Senatorial District 15: 8**

**Senatorial District 29: 5**

#### **B. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):**

**Aaron Guest**

*(Mayor's Appointment)*

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 1, 2024

**Merrill Rushin**

*(Mayor's Appointment)*

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 1, 2024

**Akear Mewborn (Vacant)**

*(Mayor's Appointment)*

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expired: March 1, 2022

*The terms are four years. Board meets monthly.*

**Women: 7**  
**Senatorial District 15: 7**  
**Senatorial District 29: 4**

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

- A. **HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:** Ms. Marjorie “Mollie” Smith, *as the Historic District Resident*, was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen’s nominee*) Term expires: January 31, 2027
- B. **TREE BOARD:** Mr. Clifton Ruehl was nominated to succeed Mr. Troy Keller for the *Educator Seat*. (*Councilor Cogle’s nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2026

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

A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

**Charlotte Ingram**- Interested in serving another term (Council District 1- Barnes)  
*Eligible to succeed*  
Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**Tracy Belt**- Interested in serving another term (Council District 4- Tucker)  
*Eligible to succeed*  
Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**Michael L. Ernst** (Council District 5- Crabb)  
*No longer a resident of District 5*  
Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**Mary B. Garcia** (Council District 7- Cogle)  
*Eligible to succeed*  
Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**Glenn Kyle Albright** (Council District 8- Garrett)  
*Eligible to succeed*  
Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**Mike Welch**- Interested in serving another term  
*Eligible to succeed*  
Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**(Council District 9- Thomas)**

**Evan M. Collins**  
*Eligible to succeed*  
Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**(Council District 10- Begly)**

**VACANT**  
Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**(Council District 2- Davis)**

**Virginia Dickerson**  
*Not Eligible to succeed*  
Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**(Council District 3- Huff)**

**John Partin**  
*Not Eligible to succeed*  
Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**(Council District 6- Allen)**

**Mayor Pro Tem Allen is nominating Adrian Wade to succeed John Partin.**

**Councilor Crabbs is nominating Tollie Strode to fill the expiring term of Michael Ernst.**

*Members appointed by Council shall serve for two-year terms and members appointed by Mayor shall serve for three-year terms. Board Meets quarterly.*

**B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

**Jennifer S. Upshaw (Vacant)**  
*Appointed to another board*  
Term Expires: October 31, 2025

**(Council District 5- Crabb)**

**David Rohwedder (Vacant)**  
*(Resigned)*  
Term Expires: October 31, 2026

**(Council District 8- Garrett)**

**Councilor Crabb is nominating Daniel Street, Jr. to fill the unexpired term of Jennifer S. Upshaw.**

**Councilor Garrett is nominating David Horiuchi to fill the unexpired term of David Rohwedder.**

*The terms are three years. Board meets monthly.*

7. **COUNCIL’S CONFIRMATION– RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ORGANIZATIONS / AGENCIES MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

**A. UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:**

**Ramon Brown**

**(Uptown Columbus Inc. Rep)**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: October 31, 2023

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

**Uptown Columbus, Inc. is recommending Douglas L. Koppang to succeed Ramon Brown.**

*The term is three years. Board meets monthly.*

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

**A. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:**

**Kathleen Mullins**- Interested in serving another term

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 31, 2024

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

**Douglas M. Jefcoat**- Interested in serving another term

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 31, 2024

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

**Tomeika Farley**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 31, 2024

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

**Councilor Crabb is re-nominating Kathleen Mullins and Douglas Jefcoat for another term of office.**

*The terms are three years. Meets monthly.*

**Women: 2**

**Senatorial District 15: 1**

**Senatorial District 29: 4**

**B. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**Olive Vidal-Kendall**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 24, 2024

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

**Christopher Smith**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 24, 2024

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

*The terms are two years. Meets as needed.*

**Women: 2**

**Senatorial District 15: 2**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

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

**Pythias "Pete" Temesgen**- Interested in serving another

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 1, 2024

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

**Chie Canady**- Interested in serving another

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 1, 2024

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

**Alia Teetshorn**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 1, 2024

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)

*The terms are four years. Meets monthly.*

**Women: 2**

**Senatorial District 15: 1**

**Senatorial District 29: 4**

**D. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:**

**Libby Smith**

**Historic District Resident**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: January 31, 2024

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)

*The term is three years. Meets monthly.*

**Women: 5**

**Senatorial District 15: 9**

**Senatorial District 29: 2**

**E. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

**Brad P. Baker**- Interested in serving another term

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 31, 2024

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)

**Patricia A. Weekley**

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expires: March 31, 2024

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)

**James Dudley**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 31, 2024

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)



**Councilor Davis is nominating Lakshmi Karthik to succeed Patricia A. Weekley.**

**Councilor Crabb is re-nominating Brad Baker for another term of office and nominating Michael Ernst to succeed James Dudley.**

*The terms are three years. Meets twice a month.*

**Women: 2**

**Senatorial District 15: 6**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

**F. TREE BOARD:**

**Frank Tommey**

**Residential Development Seat**

*Not eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: December 31, 2020

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

*The term is three years. Meets as needed.*

**Women: 7**

**Senatorial District 15: 5**

**Senatorial District 29: 6**

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**File Attachments for Item:**

1. Approval of minutes for the December 12, 2023 Council Meeting and Executive Session and December 21, 2023 Special Called 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

December 12, 2023  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

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### **M A Y O R ’ S   A G E N D A**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:05 a.m.), Judy W. Thomas and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

**ABSENT:** Councilors Jerry “Pops” Barnes and R. Walker Garrett were absent.

<p><b><u>The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:</u></b> (1) Demolition Update Presentation; (2) Columbus Animal Care and Control Presentation</p>
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<p><b><u>The following documents were distributed around the Council table:</u></b> (1) Finance Department Internal Audit Follow Up Presentation; (2) Documents Submitted by Allie Johnson PA#1; (3) Presentation Submitted by Sandy Gunnels PA#3</p>
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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Presiding

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Dr. Jimmy Elder, First Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Eagle Scout Kevin Green, Jr.

### **PROCLAMATION:**

#### **2. Proclamation: Paul Pierce Day**

**Receiving:** Danielle Varner, Springer Opera House

**Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming December 12, 2023, as *Paul R. Pierce Day*, recognizing the forty-six-year theatrical production career of Mr. Paul Pierce and his leadership in theatre arts at the Springer Opera House.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- C. Finance Department Internal Audit Follow-Up - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager, Finance, Planning & Development

*(NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager’s Agenda Item 6 “C”)*

**Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson** addressed the press release that went out yesterday regarding the internal audit conducted on the Finance Department. He stated he is calling forward a presentation

listed on the City Manager's Agenda because he feels it is imperative for the internal audit to be addressed by Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development Pam Hodge.

Councilor Thomas made a motion to hold this presentation off until the January 9, 2024 Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Crabb and there was an inconclusive vote of five-to-three, with Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor, Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly and Huff voting in opposition, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** approached the rostrum to provide a presentation as a follow up to the internal audit report presented at the December 5, 2023 Council Meeting on the Finance Department. She stated that this follow-up is to address only the finding presented by the Internal Auditor claiming \$45.1 million of unprocessed transactional activity that has been catalogued in Excel known as CCG Lockbox and has not been banked. She maintained that every dollar of the \$45.1 million can be documented with a deposit slip, bank statement, cash receipt and cancelled check. She further expounded on the lack of validation of the information that was presented by the internal auditor. She explained that for any audit, transactional data should be sampled and tested. She then outlined the process that is used for the lockbox account.

In conclusion, Deputy City Manager Hodge reiterated this presentation is only responding to the one finding of the \$45.1 million, which is in the bank and has been documented; the receipts have been produced and provided to the internal auditor. She emphasized there is no missing money or unrealized revenue liability.

## **MAYOR'S AGENDA (continued)**

### **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the December 5, 2023, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance (23-059) - 2nd Reading** - REZN-09-23-0171: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **301 42nd Street** (parcel # 013-001-043) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 1 (SFR1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Garrett) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.
2. **Ordinance (23-060) - 2nd Reading** - REZN-10-23-1964: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4070 Macon Road** (parcel # 085-051-014) from Single Family Residential –

2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

3. **Ordinance (23-061) - 2nd Reading** - REZN-10-23-1989: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3914, 3922 Buena Vista Road** (parcel # 087-028-007/008) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.
4. **Ordinance (23-062) - 2nd Reading** - An Ordinance amending Chapter 11, Article II of the Columbus Code to revise the criteria for promotional eligibility and promotional procedures for the Columbus Fire and EMS Department; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.
5. **Ordinance (23-063) - 2nd Reading** - An Ordinance revising Muscogee County Prison Policy, Number 420-100, Muscogee County Prison Promotion Policy. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.
6. **1st Reading** - An Ordinance providing an increase to the Local Supplement for Muscogee County Sheriff Gregory Countryman effective January 1, 2024; and for other purposes. (Councilor Tucker)

Councilor Tucker made a motion to amend the proposed ordinance to reflect the local supplement total as \$50,963.53 to align the salary of the Muscogee County Sheriff with that of the Columbus Police Chief, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

**Councilor Toyia Tucker** explained it was the wishes of Council for the Muscogee County Sheriff to be paid the same salary as the Columbus Police Chief. She stated the plan is to use the information requested as a referral during the FY2025 Budget Sessions to address the pay issues in public safety as expressed by the leaders of those departments.

#### **REFERRAL(S):**

#### **FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Get an update in January 2024 on salary savings. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Ms. Allie Johnson, representing Columbus Animal Allies, Re: The Columbus Animal Care & Control.
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Evictions and lack of affordable housing.
3. Mrs. Sandy Gunnels, Re: Columbus Animal Control.
4. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, representing Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA), Re: Observations and concerns related to the Council Meeting of December 5, 2023.
5. Mr. Melvin Tanner, representing NAACP, Re: Audit Information.
6. Rev. Joseph Baker, Re: The recent internal audit report and response.
7. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Appointed Officers.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NeighborWorks Columbus**

**Resolution (444-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with NeighborWorks Columbus for the development of workforce housing at Elliott's Walk utilizing State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Equity Fund Rural Workforce Housing Initiative Funding. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

#### **REFERRAL(S):**

#### **FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Take a closer look at trying to settle the financial mechanism that is out there. Concerned about the compounding aspect of it all with inflation the way it is. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*
- Look at bringing in our community partners with affordable housing to the next Work Session. *(Request of Mayor Henderson)*

### **2. GDOT Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Council Grant Program**

**Resolution (445-23):** A resolution authorizing the Gateways Foundation to apply for GDOT Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Council Grant Program. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

### **3. 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update Adoption**

**Resolution (446-23):** A resolution, whereas, the Columbus Planning Department has completed the 2023 update to the 2028 Columbus Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

**Assistant Planning Director John Renfro** approached the rostrum to explain Council approved the 2023 Comprehensive Plan on October 19, 2023, but DCA required several changes to the document and then approval by Council.

#### 4. Hawks Foundation Grant

**Resolution (447-23):** A resolution of the Council of Coumbus, Georgia, to authorize Parks and Recreation Department to apply for grants available through the Hawks Foundation and Georgia Recreation and Parks Association to accept any funds if awarded and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

#### 5. PURCHASES

- A. Lead-Based Paint/Asbestos and Clearance Testing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0011

**Resolution (448-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc. (Columbus, GA). The contractor will provide lead-based paint/asbestos and clearance testing services on an “as needed” basis for the Community Reinvestment Department. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- B. Water Management Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0005

**Resolution (449-23):** A resolution authorizing the annual contract for provision of water management services from Ben-Con Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Superior Water Services (Marietta, GA) for the estimated annual contract value of \$29,400.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- C. Agricultural Chemicals – BuyBoard Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (450-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of agricultural chemicals from SiteOne Landscape Supply (Cleveland, OH), by cooperative purchasing via BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative Contract No. 705-23 and No. 706-23. Parks and Recreation budgets approximately \$55,000.00 annually for the purchase of agricultural chemicals. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- D. Emergency/Non-Emergency Notification System (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0028

**Resolution (451-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Rave Wireless, Inc. (Framingham, MA) to provide emergency/non-emergency notification services. The annual usage for this contract is approximately \$40,000.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- E. Contract Extension for Debt Collection Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 18-0007

**Resolution (452-23):** A resolution authorizing extension of an annual contract with Automated Collection Services, Inc. (Nashville, TN) for debt collection services on an “as needed” basis. The contract extension will be for a period of six (6) months, beginning January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

F. One 2024 Ford F-250 4x2 Super Duty Pick-up Truck for Public Works Rainwater Division – Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (453-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2024 Ford F-250 4X2 Super Duty Pick-Up Truck for Public Works/Rainwater Division, from Allan Vigil Ford-Lincoln (Morrow, GA) at a unit price of \$56,321.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

G. Declaration of Surplus Vehicles by Fleet Maintenance

**Resolution (454-23):** A resolution authorizing as surplus the two vehicles show below in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government. The vehicles have either been replaced or placed out of service due to excess maintenance costs.

VEHICLE NUMBER	MAKE	MODEL	VIN NUMBER
17803	Chevrolet	Tahoe	1GNLC2E03CR226629
11020	Chevrolet	C2500	1GCHC23U87F113996

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

H. Annual Membership Dues for Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG)

**Resolution (455-23):** A resolution authorizing payment to the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) in the amount of \$27,321.62 for the annual membership dues. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

I. Construction Services for Williams Road at Fortson Road Roundabout – RFB No. 24-0007

**Resolution (456-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Robinson Paving Company (Columbus, GA) in the amount of \$5,066,958.10 for the construction of Williams Road at Fortson Road roundabout. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

J. Recycling Services for Public Works

**Resolution (457-23):** A resolution authorizing an agreement with AmWaste of Georgia, LLC (West Point, GA) to provide recycling services for the Public Works Department for a one-year period. AmWaste will occupy the City’s Recycling Center and operate the facility as a transfer point with minimal processing. Once material is received at the Recycling Facility, recyclables will be immediately loaded and transported to a processing facility. The major terms of the agreement will include, but not limited to, the following:

- The agreement is a 12-month commitment as an emergency purchase. As soon as practicable, an RFP will be issued for a longer-term agreement. AmWaste will have the opportunity to participate in that process.
- AmWaste will be responsible for labor costs.
- AmWaste will be responsible for all utility costs.
- AmWaste will bear the operational cost at the facility.



- The City will receive a host fee of \$2.00 per ton for all non-city volumes or 3<sup>rd</sup> party haulers.
- The City will pay AmWaste a flat fee of \$245.74 per ton for collected recycling material.
- The City will divert all C & D from the MSW Landfill to the Recycling Center and will receive a host fee of \$2.00 per ton. AmWaste will require additional time to prepare to receive C & D. The priority is to ensure the recycling operations are fully operational. AmWaste will inform the CCG of a date when C & D will be accepted.

After City Manager Hugley explained the reasons for requesting consideration to approve an agreement for recycling services, Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

**Public Works Director Drale Short** approached the rostrum to respond to questions from Council on City Manager's Agenda Items CM#5(K) and CM#5(L).

- K. Additional Assembly and Delivery Services for Household Garbage and Yard Waste Carts for Public Works

**Resolution (458-23):** A resolution authorizing payment to IPL North America, Inc. (Forsyth, GA), in the amount of \$50,634.78 to cover the additional cost for assembly and delivery of household garbage and yard waste carts, which were delivered to the citizens of Columbus, Georgia. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

**Public Works Director Drale Short** approached the rostrum to respond to questions from Council on City Manager's Agenda Items CM#5(J) and CM#5(K).

- L. Household Waste Carts for Public Works Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (459-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of 702 household waste carts from Rehrig Pacific Company (Lawrenceville, GA) in the amount of \$40,510.00 (702 units @ \$55 each, plus branding fee in the amount of \$1,100.00 and freight in the amount of \$800.00). The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041521-REH. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

### **INDIGENT MEDICAL CARE:**

*(NOTE: Councilor Begly immediately left the Council Chambers at the onset of discussions regarding Piedmont Medical Hospital.)*

**City Manager Hugley** provided a recap of the chronology of events that occurred after the expiration in June of 2022 of the 30-year indigent care contract with the Medical Center now operating as Piedmont Medical. The RFP process began for medical services professionals and two were identified; however, this Council rejected any and all bids. Therefore, Piedmont Medical has continued providing medical indigent care services and has incurred expenses. Piedmont Medical is seeking reimbursement for services provided from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in an amount up to \$3.5 million.

*(NOTE: A resolution was passed around the table for consideration, but no action was taken.)*

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** approached the rostrum to explain the services provided by the medical professional at the jail and the process of rendering payment for validated services.

In addition, Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge explained the RFP process for underserved and indigent medical services once the bid closes on December 15, 2023.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Get an update on the reimbursement of citizens that handle maintenance at athletic facilities.  
(*Request of Councilor Davis*)

**6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Demolition of Property - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code

**Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett** approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the demolition of properties. During the presentation Director Pruett provided an outline of the demolition process and circumstances that could cause delays in that process. He stated there are currently 105 properties remaining on the demolition list, with 66 properties placed on the list in 2023, 22 properties in 2022, and 17 properties prior to 2022.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Check the property located at 490 Pinecrest Drive. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)
- Check the property at 2922 10<sup>th</sup> (Approximate address) to check the status of it. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)
- Go back to property on Hardegree Drive. (*Request of Councilor Huff*)
- Check the property with fire damage on 29<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

B. Animal Control Audit Update - Drale Short, Director, Public Works

**Public Works Director Drale Short** approached the rostrum to address a statement made during the Public Agenda and to introduce the update.

**Animal Control Manager Canita Hardnett-Johnson** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the audit conducted on Animal Care & Control earlier in the year. She provided information on the staffing issues, processes, shelter recommendations, social media, and the need for software for shelter reporting.

**Dr. Hank Hall, DVM**, approached the rostrum to provide information on the euthanasia process at Columbus Animal Control. He responded to questions from the members of Council regarding euthanasia and the medical care of animals at the Columbus Animal Control facility.

C. Finance Department Internal Audit Follow-Up - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager, Finance, Planning & Development

(*NOTE: This update, as provided by Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.*)

## **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** December 12, 2023

### **December 15, 2023**

#### **1. Underserved and Inmate Healthcare Consultant – RFP No. 24-0009**

##### **Scope of RFP**

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking a third-party advisory firm, with experience establishing community-funded networks of care for underserved and inmate populations. The firm shall assist the City with developing a fair, inclusive and equitable plan to service the target populations' medical needs.

### **December 27, 2023**

#### **1. Touch Screen Information Kiosks for METRA (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 24-0019**

##### **Scope of RFB**

The Columbus, Georgia Metropolitan (METRA) Transit System is soliciting bid responses for the procurement of one (1) Outdoor Double-Sided Touch Screen Information Kiosk and one (1) Indoor Single-Sided Information Kiosk for use at METRA's bus station, the METRA Transfer Center.

### **REFERRALS:**

Referrals 12.5.23

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of property acquisition and disposal as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote, Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting, and the time being 1:43 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 3:57 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of property acquisition and disposal; however, there were no votes taken.

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

### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

1. **RESOLUTION (460-23)** - A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the December 5, and December 12, 2023 Council Meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.
2. **RESOLUTION (461-23)** - A resolution excusing Councilor R. Walker Garrett from the December 12, 2023 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

3. **RESOLUTION (462-23)** - A resolution cancelling the Proclamation Sessions for January 2, February 6, and March 5, 2024. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.
  
4. Email Correspondence from Mr. David Rohwedder resigning from his seat as the District 8 Representative on the Public Safety Advisory Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation with regrets, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.
  
5. **Minutes of the following boards:**
  - Board of Tax Assessors, #38-23, #39-23 and #40-23
  - Board of Water Commissioners, November 13, 2023
  - Columbus Golf Course Authority, July 18, 2023 and September 26, 2023
  - Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority, February 23, April 27, June 29 and August 24, 2023
  - Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, October 18, 2023
  - Development Authority, October 5, 2023
  - Historic & Architectural Review Board, February 13, March 13, April 13, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 10 and November 13, 2023
  - Land Bank Authority, October 11, 2023
  - River Valley Regional Commission, October 25, 2023
  - The Medical Center Hospital Authority, July 26, 2023

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

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

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

#### **A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Marjorie “Mollie” Smith (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on January 31, 2024, as the Historic District Resident on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council’s Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen renominated Marjorie “Mollie” Smith to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Libby Smith (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on January 31, 2024, as the Historic District Resident on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Reverend Curtis West (*No longer a resident of Muscogee County*) for a term that expires on January 31, 2024, as the Liberty Cultural Center, Inc. on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

**Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis** explained the process to make changes to the Historic & Architectural Review Board would be accomplished by an ordinance change to the position designation as the Liberty Cultural Center, Inc. representative.

**Councilor Bruce Huff** suggested that nominees for this seat should be submitted by the new Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board.

## **B. TREE BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Troy Keller (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2020, in the Educator Seat on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Cogle nominated Clifton Ruehl to succeed Troy Keller.

A nominee for the seat of Frank Tommey (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2020, in the Residential Development Seat on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

## **UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

- A. Board of Zoning Appeals (Council Appointments)
- B. Building Authority of Columbus (Council Appointments)
- C. Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE) (Mayor & Council Appointments)
- D. Civic Center Advisory Board (Council Appointment)
- E. Community Development Advisory Council (Council Appointments)
- F. Planning Advisory Commission (Council Appointments)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)**

- 3. Mrs. Sandy Gunnels, Re: Columbus Animal Control.
- 2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Evictions and lack of affordable housing.
- 7. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Appointed Officers.
- 1. Ms. Allie Johnson, representing Columbus Animal Allies, Re: The Columbus Animal Care & Control.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the December 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting, and the time being 4:20 p.m.

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

**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

December 21, 2023  
9:00 AM  
Special Called Meeting

**M A Y O R ’ S   A G E N D A**

**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry “Pops” Barnes (via teleconference), Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 9:03 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett, Bruce Huff and Judy W. Thomas. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

**ABSENT:** Councilor Toyia Tucker was absent.

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) Add-On Resolution

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

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

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss acquisition and disposal of real estate.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of property acquisition and disposal as listed on the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting, and the time being 9:03 a.m.

**RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 10:40 a.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of property acquisition and disposal; however, there were no votes taken.

**ADD-ON RESOLUTION:**

1. **Resolution (463-23)** - A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, requesting that the Columbus Building Authority (the “**Authority**”) issue its lease revenue bonds, series 2024 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 (the “**Series 2024 bonds**”); to authorize the execution of a lease contract between Columbus, Georgia (“**Columbus**”) and the Authority; to authorize the transfer of property; to declare the official intent of Columbus to reimburse

planned expenditures from proceeds of the Series 2024 bonds; to authorize the preparation and distribution of a preliminary official statement and to authorize the execution of a final official statement containing information on the governmental and financial affairs of Columbus; to designate certain firms and professionals to work and assist with the issuance of the Series 2024 bonds; to authorize the Mayor and other officials of Columbus to take such further actions as are necessary; and for other purposes. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.

**Councilor Glenn Davis** clarified for the record that the approval of this resolution is not approving the development being proposed. He stated in his view, this gives Council an opportunity to continue the discussion to gain an understanding of the proposed development as a whole and the funding opportunities available.

### **THE RECOMPETE PILOT PROGRAM:**

**Councilor Judy W. Thomas** stated Senator Jon Ossoff announced yesterday that Columbus was selected as one of the twenty-two finalists to receive grant funding for the first phase of a pilot program that will bring training to the area.

### **REFERRAL(S):**

#### **FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- At the January 2024 Work Session, let's have someone from the program come and provide information on the terms of the grant. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the December 21, 2023 Special Called Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting, and the time being 10:48 a.m.

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



**File Attachments for Item:**

**1. 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance providing an increase to the Local Supplement for Muscogee County Sheriff Gregory Countryman effective January 1, 2024; and for other purposes (As amended) (Councilor Tucker)

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

An Ordinance providing an increase to the Local Supplement for Muscogee County Sheriff Gregory Countryman effective January 1, 2024; and for other purposes.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-16-20(a)(3), the county governing authority may supplement the minimum annual salary of the sheriff in such amount as it may fix from time to time; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 21-004 established a local supplement in the amount of \$20,888.61 for Sheriff Gregory Countryman; and

**WHEREAS**, Council desires to increase the local supplement from \$20,888.61 to \$50,963.53 effective January 1, 2024 to match the current base salary of the current Chief of Police; and

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

**SECTION 1.**

The local supplement for Sheriff Gregory Countryman shall increase from \$20,888.61 to \$50,963.53 effective January 1, 2024. This local supplement only applies to Gregory Countryman so long as he remains in office as the Muscogee County Sheriff. The amount is fixed and is not subject to any Cost of Living Adjustments or additional longevity increases.

**SECTION 2.**

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2023; introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of Council.

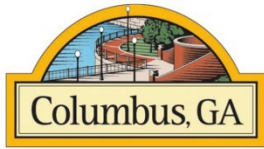
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Councilor Huff	voting _____
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Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Sandra T. Davis  
Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III  
Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

**2. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4228 3rd Avenue** (parcel # 013-001-041) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)



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 PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

### REZN-10-23-1988

<b>Applicant:</b>	Dor Neil Enterprises, LLC & Alice Bowen
<b>Owner:</b>	Dor Neil Enterprises, LLC
<b>Location:</b>	4228 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue
<b>Parcel:</b>	013-001-041
<b>Acreage:</b>	0.22 Acres
<b>Current Zoning Classification:</b>	Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)
<b>Proposed Zoning Classification:</b>	Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)
<b>Current Use of Property:</b>	Multifamily Residential
<b>Proposed Use of Property:</b>	Multifamily Residential
<b>Council District:</b>	District 8 (Garrett)
<b>PAC Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
<b>Planning Department Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on compatibility with existing land uses.
<b>Fort Benning's Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>DRI Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>General Land Use:</b>	Consistent Planning Area F
<b>Current Land Use Designation:</b>	Single Family Residential
<b>Future Land Use Designation:</b>	Single Family Residential

<b>Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:</b>	Yes								
<b>Environmental Impacts:</b>	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.								
<b>City Services:</b>	Property is served by all city services.								
<b>Traffic Impact:</b>	Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will increase by 4 trips if used for residential use.								
<b>Traffic Engineering:</b>	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.								
<b>Surrounding Zoning:</b>	<table> <tr> <td><b>North</b></td><td>Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>South</b></td><td>Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>East</b></td><td>Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>West</b></td><td>Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)</td></tr> </table>	<b>North</b>	Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)	<b>South</b>	Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)	<b>East</b>	Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)	<b>West</b>	Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)
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<b>West</b>	Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)								
<b>Reasonableness of Request:</b>	The request is compatible with existing land uses.								
<b>School Impact:</b>	N/A								
<b>Buffer Requirement:</b>	<p>The site shall include a Category A buffer along all property lines bordered by the LMI zoning district. The 3 options under Category A are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>5 feet</b> with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.</li> <li>2) <b>10 feet</b> with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.</li> <li>3) <b>20 feet</b> undisturbed natural buffer.</li> </ol>								
<b>Attitude of Property Owners:</b>	<b>Twenty-nine (29)</b> property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received <b>no</b> calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.								
<b>Approval</b>	<b>0 Responses</b>								
<b>Opposition</b>	<b>0 Responses</b>								

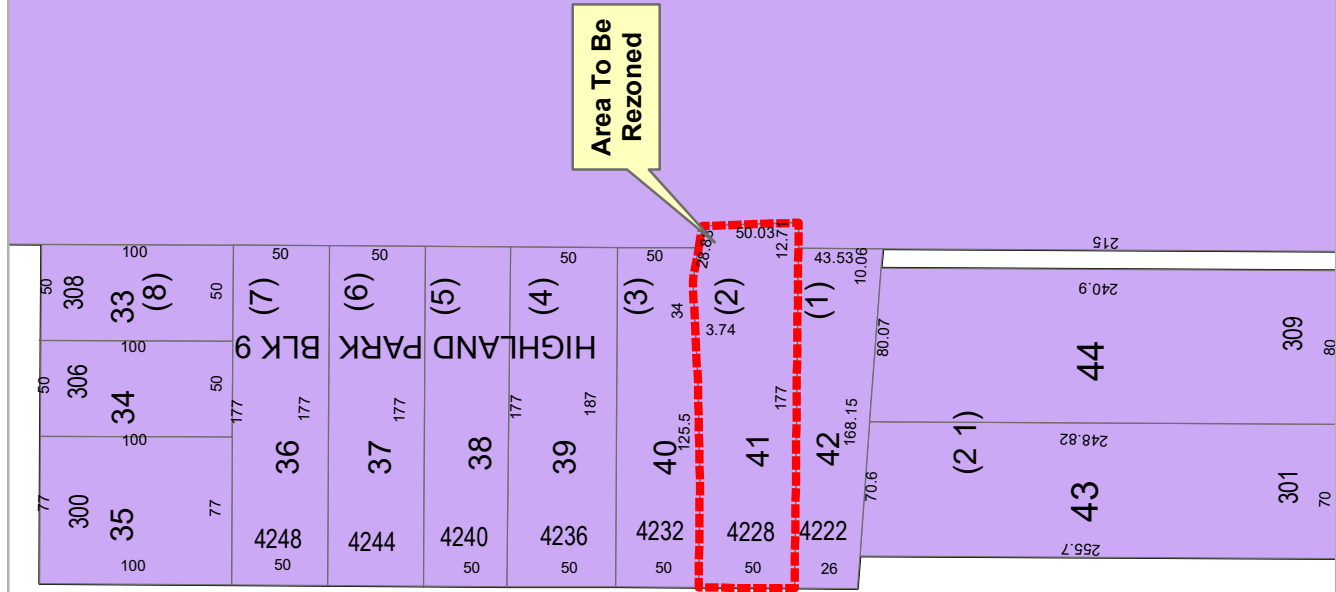
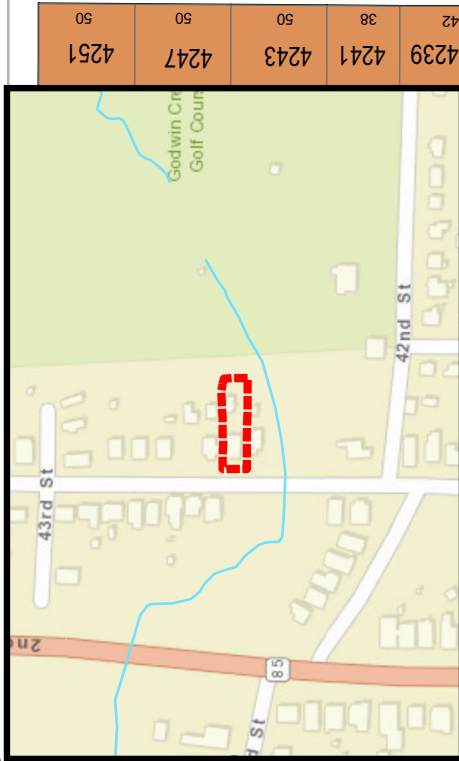
**Additional Information:**

Existing residential structures are illegal, nonconforming due to vacancy for over six months. The applicant plans to renovate the existing structures. The structures are currently on the demolition list. A rezoning is required to obtain permits for repair of the structures.

**Attachments:**

Aerial Land Use Map  
Location Map  
Zoning Map  
Existing Land Use Map  
Future Land Use Map  
Flood Map  
Traffic Report  
Property Map





**Legend**

**Zoning**

- Light Manufacturing/Industrial
- Residential Multifamily - 1
- Area To Be Rezoned

Item #2.

1 inch = 100 feet

0 50 100 Feet

Data Source: IT/GIS

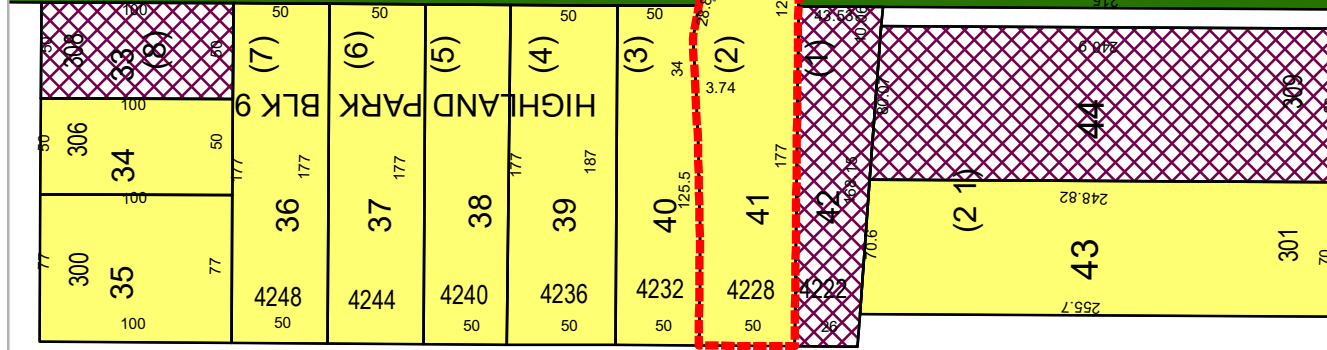
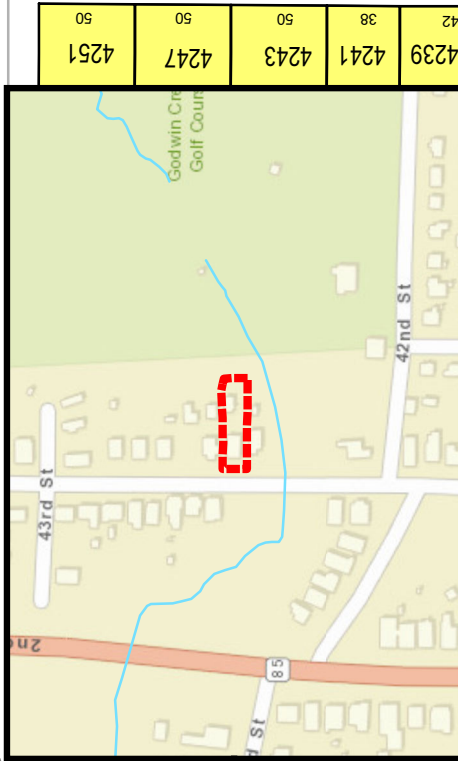
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Zoning Map for REZN 10-23-1988  
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 Planning Department-Planning Division  
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**Legend**

**Existing Land Use**

- Multifamily
- Parks/Recreation/Conservation
- Public/Institutional
- Single Family Residential
- Vacant/Undeveloped
- Area To Be Rezoned

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Author: DavidCooper

Existing Land Map for REZN 10-23-1988

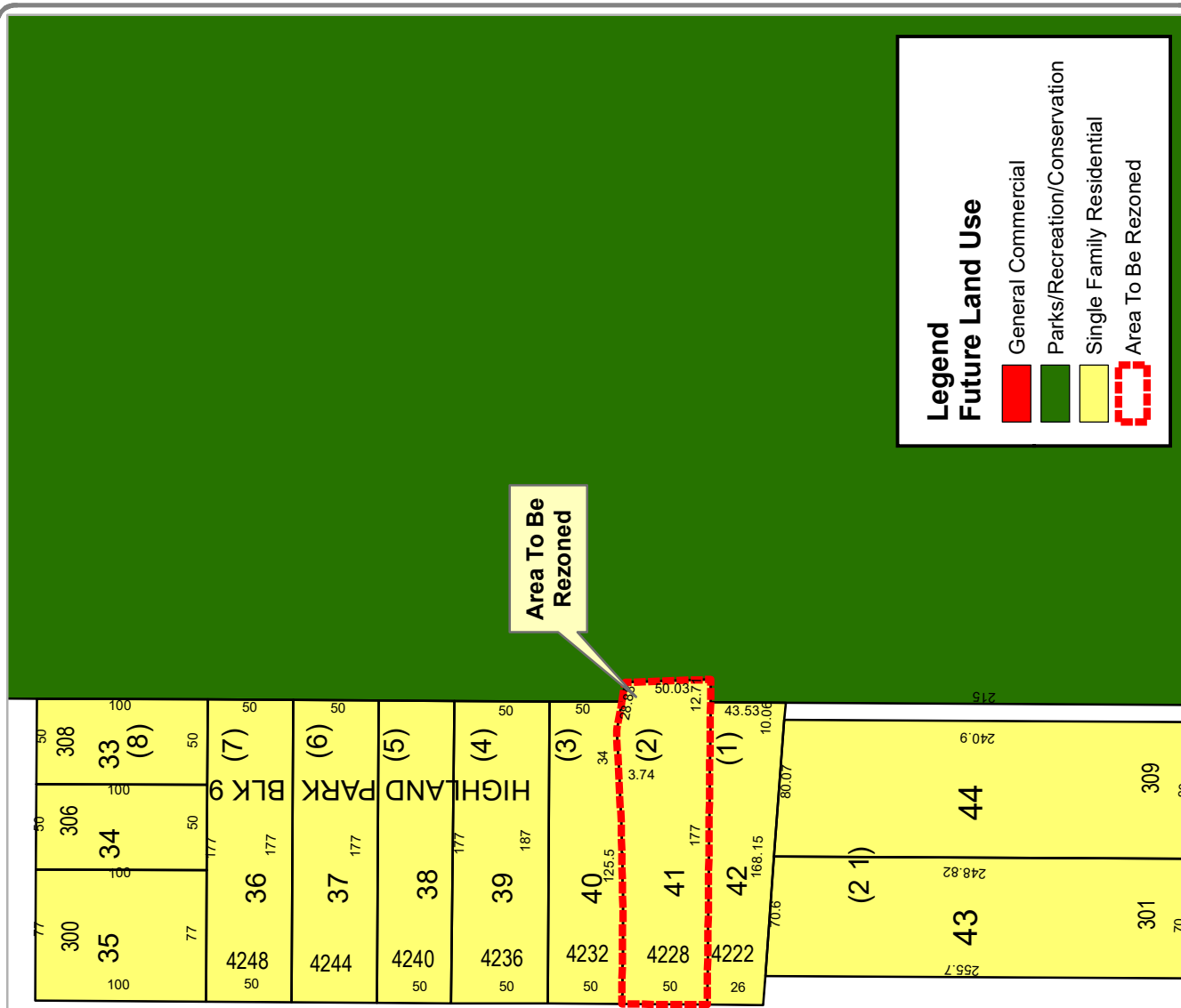
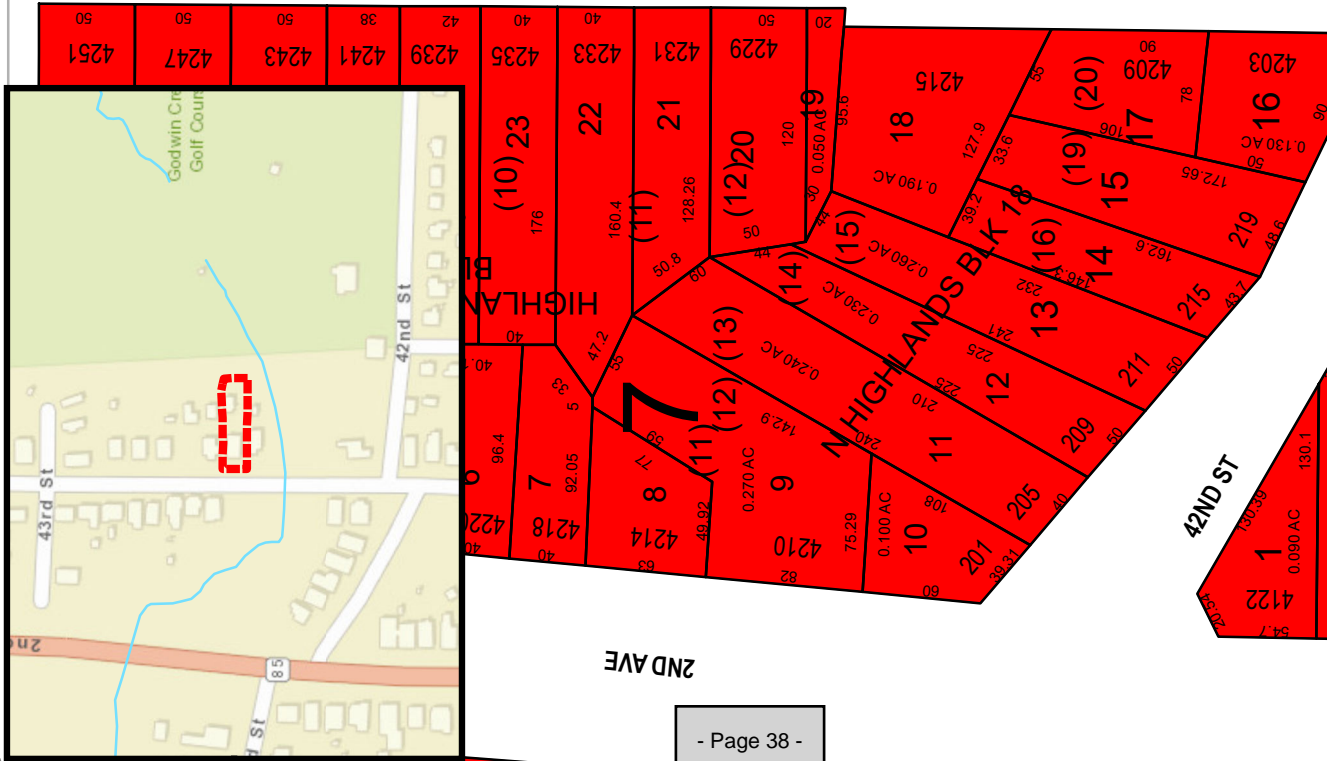
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**Legend  
Future Land Use**

- General Commercial
- Parks/Recreation/Conservation
- Single Family Residential
- Area To Be Rezoned

**Area To Be  
Rezoned**

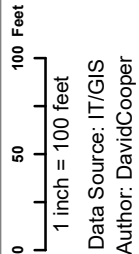
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**Future Land Map for REZN 10-23-1988**  
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**Flood Hazard Map for REZN 10-23-1988  
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Date: 11/13/2023

ZONING CASE NO.	REZN 10-23-1988
PROJECT	4228 3rd Avenue
CLIENT	LMI to RMF1
REZONING REQUEST	

Trip Generation Land Use Code\*  
 Existing Land Use  
 Proposed Land Use  
 Existing Trip Rate Unit  
 Proposed Trip Rate Unit  
 110 & 220  
 Light Manufacturing / Industrial - (LMI)  
 Residential Multi-Family 1 - (RMF1)  
 LMI - Acreage converted to square footage.  
 RMF1 - Acreage converted to square footage.

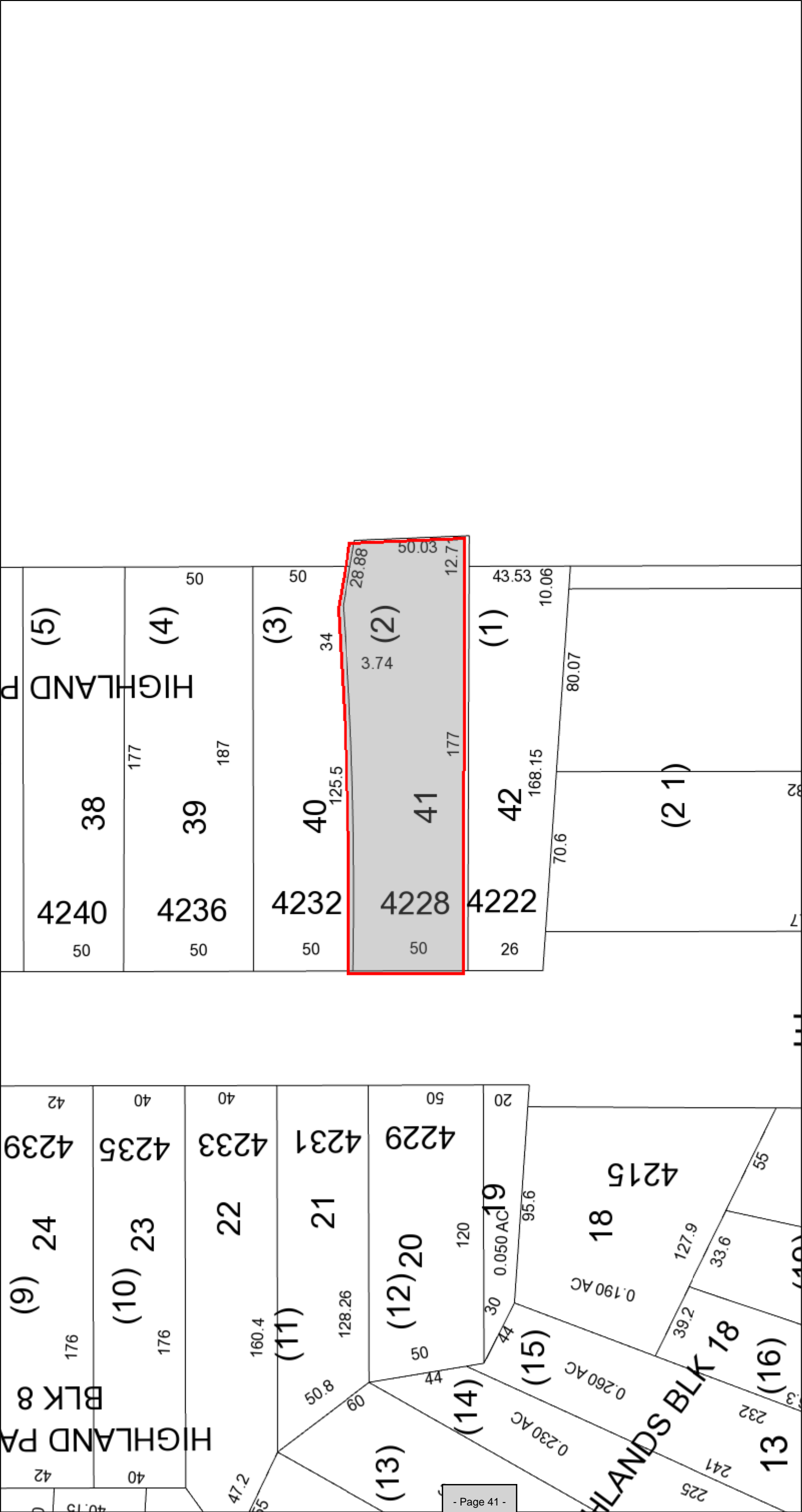
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## TRAFFIC PROJECTIONS

Name of Street	3rd Avenue
Street Classification	Local
No. of Lanes	2
City Traffic Count (2022)	770
Existing Level of Service (LOS)**	A
Additional Traffic due to Existing Zoning	6
Total Projected Traffic (2021)	776
Projected Level of Service (LOS)**	A

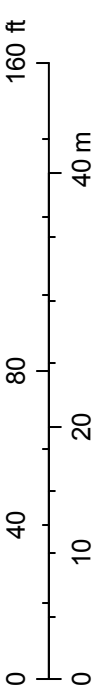
## PROPOSED ZONING (RMF1)

Name of Street	3rd Avenue
Street Classification	Local
No. of Lanes	2
City Traffic Count ( <b>2022</b> )	770
Existing Level of Service (LOS)**	A
Additional Traffic due to Proposed	11
Total Projected Traffic (2021)	781
Projected Level of Service (LOS)**	A



November 8, 2023

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Columbus Consolidated Government

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

An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4228 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue** (parcel # 013-001-041) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District.

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

Section 1.

The Zoning Atlas on file with the Planning Department is hereby amended by changing the property described below from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily-1 (RMF1) Zoning District:

“All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 013-001-041, lying and being in Land Lot 88 of the 8<sup>th</sup> Land District City of Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, being Lot 2 & a portion of Lot 3, Block 9, North Highland Park Subdivisions, shown in Plat Book 26, Page 108 & Plat Book 42, Page 66, described in Deed Book 8161, Page 27, the description contained therein being incorporated in by this reference, known as 4228 3rd Avenue.”

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 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.

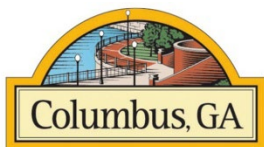
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Clerk of Council

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B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III  
Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

**3. 1st Reading-** REZN-10-23-2056: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3300 6th Avenue** (parcel # 014-019-010A) from Residential Multifamily- 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Councilor Garrett)



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## COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

### REZN-10-23-2056

<b>Applicant:</b>	Sara Clark
<b>Owner:</b>	Sara & Troy Clark
<b>Location:</b>	3300 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
<b>Parcel:</b>	014-019-010A
<b>Acreage:</b>	0.19 Acres
<b>Current Zoning Classification:</b>	Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2)
<b>Proposed Zoning Classification:</b>	Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1)
<b>Current Use of Property:</b>	Single Family Residential
<b>Proposed Use of Property:</b>	Single Family Residential
<b>Council District:</b>	District 8 (Garrett)
<b>PAC Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
<b>Planning Department Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on compatibility with existing land uses.
<b>Fort Benning's Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>DRI Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>General Land Use:</b>	Consistent Planning Area F
<b>Current Land Use Designation:</b>	Single Family Residential
<b>Future Land Use Designation:</b>	Single Family Residential

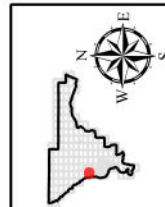


<b>Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:</b>	Yes	
<b>Environmental Impacts:</b>	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.	
<b>City Services:</b>	Property is served by all city services.	
<b>Traffic Impact:</b>	Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will increase by 3 trips if used for residential use.	
<b>Traffic Engineering:</b>	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.	
	The Engineering Department will require the driveway to be located off 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue.	
<b>Surrounding Zoning:</b>	<b>North</b>	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)
	<b>South</b>	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)
	<b>East</b>	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)
	<b>West</b>	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)
<b>Reasonableness of Request:</b>	The request is compatible with existing land uses.	
<b>School Impact:</b>	N/A	
<b>Buffer Requirement:</b>	N/A	
<b>Attitude of Property Owners:</b>	<b>Forty-eight (48)</b> property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received <b>no</b> calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.	
	<b>Approval</b>	<b>0</b> Responses
	<b>Opposition</b>	<b>0</b> Responses
<b>Additional Information:</b>	The applicant plans to build a single-family residential home.	
<b>Attachments:</b>	Aerial Land Use Map Location Map Zoning Map Existing Land Use Map Future Land Use Map	

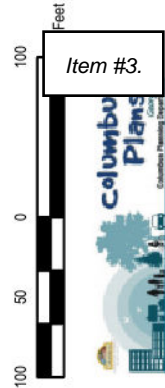
Flood Map  
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Plat Map



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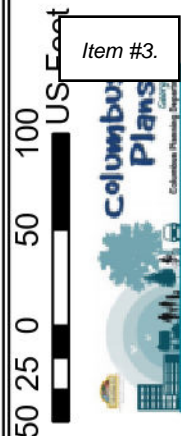
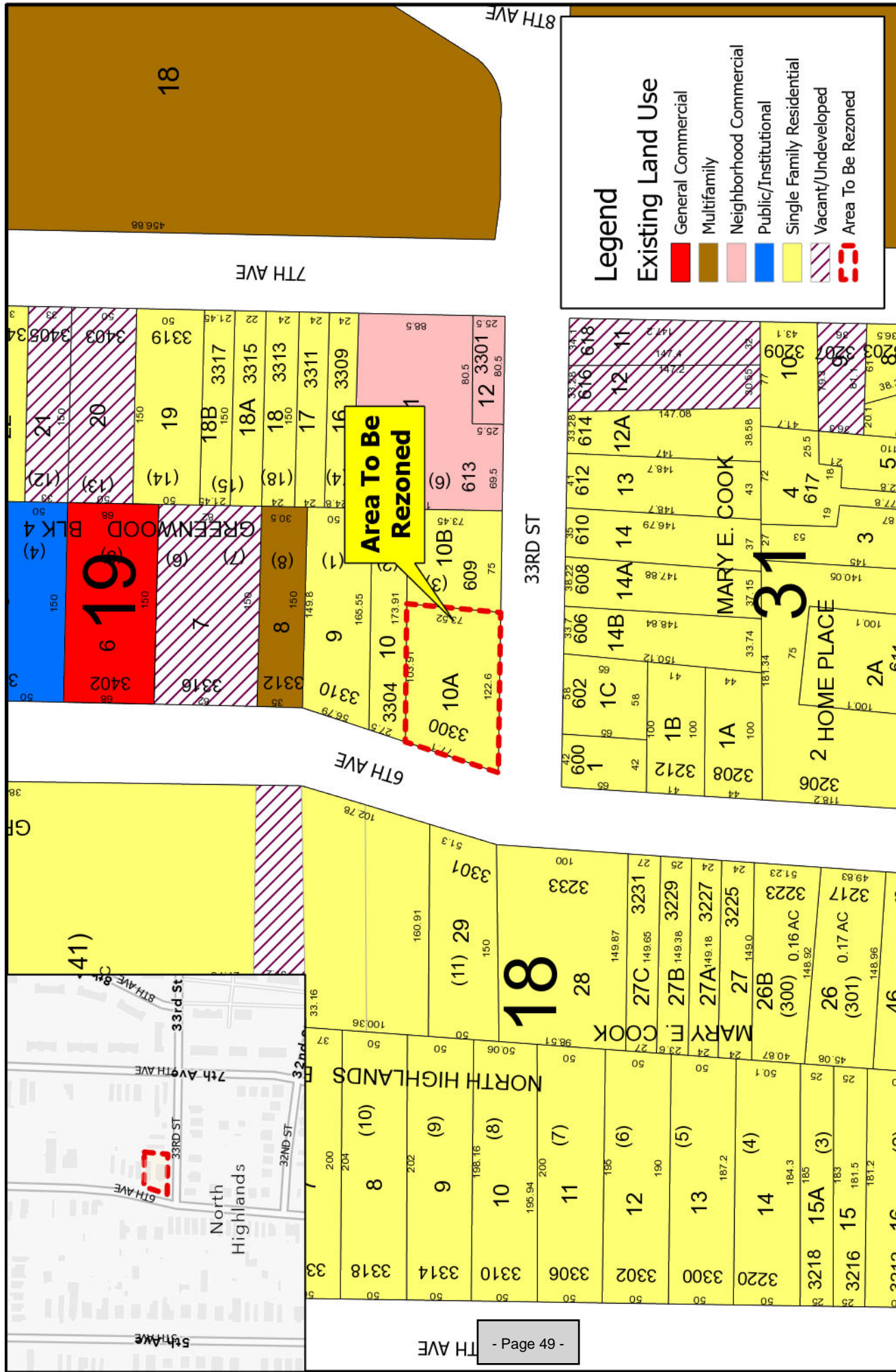


Location Map for REZN-10 - 23 - 2056  
 Map 014 Block 019 Lot 010A  
 Planning Department - Planning Division  
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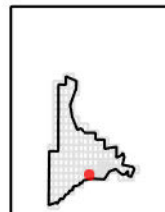






Existing Land Use Map for REZN-10 - 23 - 2056  
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ZONING CASE NO.	REZN 10-23-2056
PROJECT	3300 6th Avenue
CLIENT	RMF2 to RMF1
REZONING REQUEST	

REZN 10-23-2056  
3300 6th Avenue  
RMF2 to RMF1

Trip Generation Land Use Code *	210
Existing Land Use	Residential-Multi-Family 2 (RMF2)
Proposed Land Use	Residential-Multi-Family 1 (RMF1)
Existing Trip Rate Unit	RMF2 - Acreage converted to square footage.
Proposed Trip Rate Unit	RMF1 - Acreage converted to square footage.

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**No Traffic Counts for this portion of 6th Avenue**

**Note:** \* Denotes calculation are based on Trip Generation, 8th Edition by Institute of Transportation Engineers

**EXISTING ZONING (RMF2)**

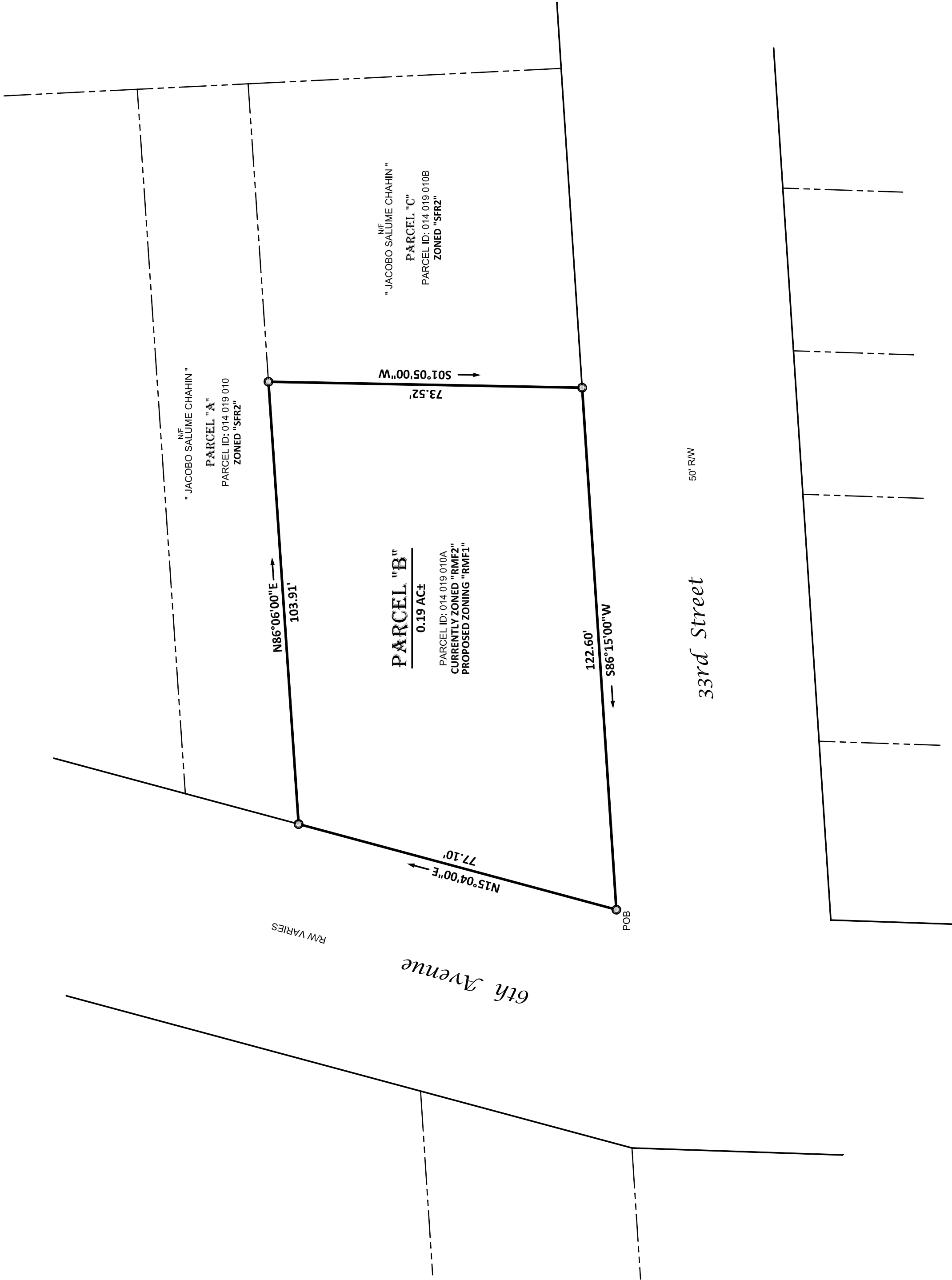
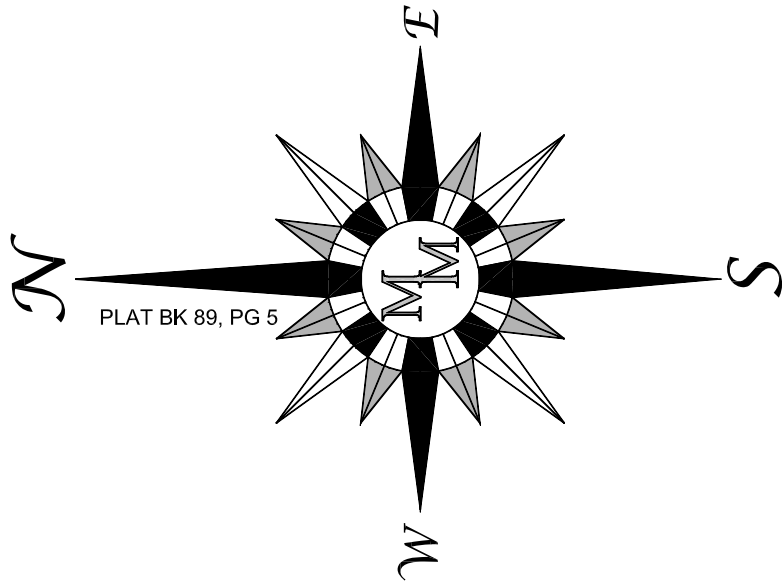
Name of Street	6th Avenue
Street Classification	Local
No. of Lanes	2
City Traffic Count (2022)	0
Existing Level of Service (LOS)**	
Additional Traffic due to Existing Zoning	10
Total Projected Traffic (2021)	0
Projected Level of Service (LOS)**	

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

Name of Street	6th Avenue
Street Classification	Local
No. of Lanes	2
City Traffic Count (2022)	
Existing Level of Service (LOS)**	
Additional Traffic due to Proposed	13
Total Projected Traffic (2021)	0
Projected Level of Service (LOS)**	



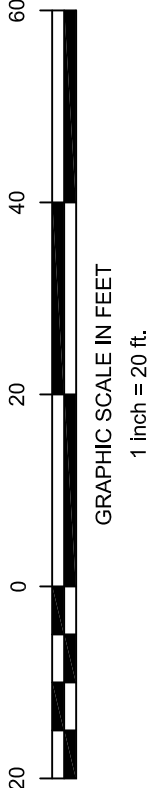
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A PETITION TO REZONE PROPERTY ONLY.



- NOTES**
- 1) SUBJECT PROPERTY LINES & BEARINGS SHOWN ARE PER REFERENCE 1 & 2.
  - 2) NO IMPROVEMENTS ARE SHOWN.

- REFERENCES**
- 1) PLAT BOOK 89, FOLIO 5
  - 2) DEED BOOK 14142, PAGE 282
- (SOURCE OF TITLE)

- LEGEND**
- PROPERTY CORNER
  - POINT OF BEGINNING
  - NF NOW OR FORMERLY
  - RIGHT-OF-WAY
  - SUBJECT PROPERTY LINE
  - ADJOINING PROPERTY LINE





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REV	REVISION DESCRIPTION	DATE
1	CORRECTED ACREAGE	11-07-2023
JOB NUMBER: 1588.23		DRAWN BY: <b>B. Harris</b>
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**" 3300 6th Avenue Rezone "**  
**REZONING PLAT**

PARCEL "B" OF THE REPLAT OF LOTS 2 & 3, M.R. FLOURNOY  
SUBDIVISION OF COOK PROPERTY, LYING IN  
LAND LOT 72, 8th LAND DISTRICT,  
COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA

DATE:  
SEPT. 7, 2023

SCALE:  
1" = 20'

SHEET NO:  
**1 OF 1**

REZONING APPLICANT INFORMATION:  
**SARA & TROY CLARK**  
3300 6th AVE  
COLUMBUS, GA 31904  
(706) 325-4754

PREPARED FOR:  
*Sara & Troy Clark*

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

Section 1.

The Zoning Atlas on file with the Planning Department is hereby amended by changing the property described below from Residential Multifamily- 2 ( RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily-1 (RMF1) Zoning District.

“All that lot, tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, being known and designated as Parcel "B", as shown upon a map 01· plat made by White & Cook, Inc., dated June 7, 1984, entitled “Replat of Lots 2 & 3, M.R. Flournoy Subdivision of Cook Property,” said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a concrete monument located at the intersection of the Northerly side of 33rd Street with the Easterly side of 6th Avenue; thence North 15 degrees 04 minutes East a distance of 77.10 feet to an iron pin; running thence North 86 degrees 06 minutes East a distance of 103.91 feet to an iron pin; thence South 01 degree 05 minutes West a distance of 73.52 feet to an iron pin on the Northerly margin of 33rd Street; thence South 86 degrees 15 minutes West along the Northerly margin of 33rd Street, a distance of 122.60 feet to a concrete monument, which is the original point of beginning of the property conveyed.

The above parcel is shown upon a plat made by White & Cook, Inc., dated June 7, 1984, entitled "Replat of Lots 2 & 3, M.R. Foundry Subdivision of Cook Property" and recorded in Plat Book 89, Page 5, in the aforesaid Clerk's Office.”

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 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.

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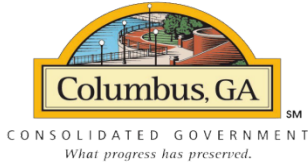
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B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III  
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**File Attachments for Item:**

**4. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code to revise the text of a section in Chapter 6 pertaining to the application process for Resource Conservation Subdivisions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)



## *Planning Department*

January 2, 2024

Honorable Mayor and Councilors  
City Manager  
City Attorney  
Clerk of Council

This application comes at the request of the Columbus Consolidated Government.

Various requests to the UDO from staff.

**Subject:** (REZN-11-23-2222) Request to amend the text of Section 6.2.2. of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Resource Conservation Subdivisions Option.

### UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE REVISIONS (Explanation of Revisions)

#### **1. Explanation of Revisions: Amend Section 6.2.2**

Section 6.2.2. Resource Conservation Subdivision Option.

- A. Defined. A resource conservation subdivision is a subdivision in which the lot sizes, lot widths, and other dimensional requirements are established by this Chapter, while the number of lots allowed is based on the zoning district of the property and the conservation of valuable resources. A resource conservation subdivision **application shall be submitted to the Planning Advisory Commission for review and recommendations and to the Columbus Council for final action.**
- B. Permitted Zoning Districts. Only properties zoned RE10, RE5, RE1, RT, SFR1, SFR2, SFR3 and SFR4 may be approved as a resource conservation subdivision.
- C. Minimum Area for Conservation, Preservation or Recreational Use. At least 100% of all areas classified as Primary Conservation Areas within a site proposed to be developed as a resource conservation subdivision, but no less than 20% of the total site, must be set aside as open space for conservation, preservation or recreational use, as further provided below. If less than 20% of the site is located within Primary Conservation Areas, then areas classified as Secondary Conservation Areas are to be given preference for inclusion in the minimum required open space.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

N/A

**Recommendations:**

The Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) considered this text amendment at their meeting on December 06, 2023. PAC recommended **approval** by a vote of 8-0.

The Planning Department recommends **approval**.

Sincerely,

Will Johnson  
Planning Director

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

An Ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code to revise the text of a section in Chapter 6 pertaining to the application process for Resource Conservation Subdivisions.

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

**SECTION 1.**

Paragraph A. of Section 6.2.2. of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by striking that paragraph in its entirety and substituting a new Paragraph A to read as follows:

**Section 6.2.2. Resource Conservation Subdivision Option.**

- A. Defined. A resource conservation subdivision is a subdivision in which the lot sizes, lot widths, and other dimensional requirements are established by this Chapter, while the number of lots allowed is based on the zoning district of the property and the conservation of valuable resources. A resource conservation subdivision application shall be submitted to the Planning Advisory Commission for review and recommendations and to the Columbus Council for final action.

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Sandra T Davis  
Clerk of Council

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B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III  
Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

**5. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain portions of a district known as the Conversation Use Valuation Assessment, from RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning District to RE10 (Residential Estate 10) Zoning District. (Planning Department recommends approval.)(Councilors Allen and Davis)



AN ORDINANCE

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

An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain portions of a district known as the Conversation Use Valuation Assessment, from RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning District to RE10 (Residential Estate 10) Zoning District.

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

Section 1.

The following properties shall be rezoned to RE10:

0 WHITESVILLE ROAD	193 001 004	RE1	TO	RE10
12248 COUNTY LINE ROAD	141 002 006H	RE1	TO	RE10

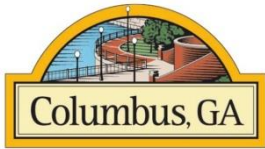
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## COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

### REZN-Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA)\_03

<b>Applicant:</b>	CCG – Planning Department			
<b>Location</b>	<b>Parcel</b>	<b>Current</b>		<b>Proposed:</b>
0 WHITESVILLE ROAD	193 001 004	RE1	TO	RE10
12248 COUNTY LINE ROAD	141 002 006H	RE1	TO	RE10
<b>Acreage:</b>	5+ Acres			
<b>Current Zoning Classification:</b>	RE1 (Residential Estate 1)			
<b>Proposed Zoning Classification:</b>	RE10 (Residential Estate 10)			
<b>Current Use of Property:</b>	Land Use			
<b>Proposed Use of Property:</b>	Land Use			
<b>Council District:</b>	District 2 (Davis) / District 6 (Allen)			
<b>PAC Recommendation:</b>	N/A			
<b>Planning Department Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on compatibility with existing land uses.			
<b>Fort Benning's Recommendation:</b>	N/A			
<b>DRI Recommendation:</b>	N/A			
<b>General Land Use:</b>	Consistent Planning Area A / Planning Area B			
<b>Current Land Use Designation:</b>	Land Use			
<b>Future Land Use Designation:</b>	Land Use			
<b>Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:</b>	Yes			
<b>Environmental Impacts:</b>	N/A			

<b>City Services:</b>	N/A
<b>Traffic Impact:</b>	N/A
<b>Traffic Engineering:</b>	N/A
<b>Surrounding Zoning:</b>	N/A
<b>Reasonableness of Request:</b>	The request is compatible with existing land uses.
<b>School Impact:</b>	N/A
<b>Buffer Requirement:</b>	N/A
<b>Attitude of Property Owners:</b>	N/A
<b>Additional Information:</b>	N/A
<b>Attachments:</b>	N/A

**File Attachments for Item:**

6. A resolution establishing qualifying fees for county offices of the Consolidated Government to be filled in the 2024 elections. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

A RESOLUTION

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

A Resolution establishing qualifying fees for county offices of the Consolidated Government to be filled in the 2024 elections.

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THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131, the following qualifying fees for the 2024 elections are fixed for the following county offices and shall be published in the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer by the Executive Director of the Board of Elections and Registration after signing of this Resolution and prior to February 1, 2024:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>FEE</u>
Councilor	\$ 420
School Board Member	\$ 360
Probate Court Judge	\$3,022
State Court Judge (Prather)	\$5,184
State Court Judge (Temesgen)	\$5,005
State Court Solicitor	\$3,817
Municipal Court Judge	\$3,629
Municipal Court Clerk	\$3,271
Superior Court Clerk	\$3,022
Sheriff	\$3,098
Tax Commissioner	\$3,022
Coroner	\$2,865

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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

**File Attachments for Item:**

7. A resolution authorizing payments to The Medical Center, Inc. dba Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown for indigent care services provided during fy 2023. (Councilors Barnes, Cogle, Davis, and Tucker)

**RESOLUTION  
NO.**

**WHEREAS**, the previous 30-year Contract for inmate and indigent medical care with the Medical Center Hospital Authority expired on June 30, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Consolidated Government FY23 Recommended Budget included a levy of 2.5 mills for Indigent Health Care and Inmate Health Care purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, in May of 2022, this Council adopted Resolution No. 135-22 in which it requested the staff to issue an RFP to obtain a wide range of professional medical services to qualified indigent residents of Muscogee County who are not covered by commercial insurance or any other government health plan; and

**WHEREAS**, In order to ensure that there is no time period when health care services were not available to qualifying individuals in Muscogee County, Resolution No. 135-22 provided that all entities which were successful bidders in the RFP would have an opportunity to seek reimbursement for some of their costs for services provided beginning July 1, 2022, in accordance with the provisions of any contract they were awarded under the RFP; and

**WHEREAS**, RFP No.23-0009 was issued and four bids were received in accordance with the procurement process; and

**WHEREAS**, at its meeting on June 27, 2023, Council rejected any and all bids received in response to RFP No. 23-0009; and

**WEHREAS**, even though this Council did not award an indigent care contract for professional medical services to any of the bidders, it wishes to fairly compensate those who were recommended as qualified bidders in the RFP process and incurred expenses treating qualifying indigent patients during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

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

1. The Medical Center, Inc. dba Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown (Columbus, GA) was qualified as a recommended bidder in RFP No. 23-0009. The Medical Center, Inc. dba Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown (Columbus, GA), has sought reimbursement costs for services provided between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to make payment to The Medical Center, Inc. dba Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown) for an amount up to \$3,590,375.00 for verified medical treatment at Medicaid rates for individuals treated between June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023 who would have qualified as indigent residents pursuant to RFP 23-009.
2. To the extent that this resolution is inconsistent with paragraph 3 of Resolution No. 135-22 it is hereby revoked and rescinded.

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

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

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Sandra T. Davis  
Clerk of Council

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B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III  
Mayor



**File Attachments for Item:**

A. Weather Alert Radios – RFB No. 24-0015

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #A.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Weather Alert Radios – RFB No. 24-0015
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of fifteen hundred (1,500) Midland WR120 NOAA Desktop Weather Alert Radios and batteries from Midland Radio Corporation (Kansas City, MO) at a unit price of \$26.15 and a total cost of \$39,225.00.

The weather alert radios will be used and distributed by the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to aid in weather emergency preparedness.

Bid specifications were posted on DemandStar, the City's website and Georgia Procurement Registry on October 11, 2023. Bid responses were received on November 1, 2023. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. The bidders were:

<b>VENDOR:</b>	<b>Midland Radio Corporation (Kansas City, MO)</b>		<b>Lawson Products, Inc. (Chicago, IL)</b>	
	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Extended Cost</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Extended Cost</b>
Weather Alert Radio with Batteries (Quantity: 1,500)	<b>26.15</b>	<b>\$39,225.00</b>	\$43.00	\$64,500.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 39,225.00</b>		<b>\$ 64,500.00</b>	

Funds are available in the FY24 Budget: Multi-Government Project Fund – Homeland Security – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Operating Materials; 0216-450-3929-HMGP-6728.

**A RESOLUTION**

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIFTEEN HUNDRED (1,500) MIDLAND WR120 NOAA DESKTOP WEATHER ALERT RADIOS AND BATTERIES FROM MIDLAND RADIO CORPORATION (KANSAS CITY, MO) AT A UNIT PRICE OF \$26.15 AND A TOTAL COST OF \$39,225.00.**

**WHEREAS**, the weather alert radios will be used and distributed by the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to aid in weather emergency preparedness.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase fifteen hundred (1,500) Midland WR120 NOAA Desktop Weather Alert Radios and batteries from Midland Radio Corporation (Kansas City, MO) at a unit price of \$26.15 and a total cost of \$39,225.00. Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget as follows: Multi-Government Project Fund – Homeland Security – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Operating Materials; 0216-450-3929-HMGP-6728.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

B. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Project – RFB No. 24-0014

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #B.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Project – RFB No. 24-0014
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of a construction contract with Alexander Contracting Company, Inc. (Fortson, GA) in the amount of \$406,710.50 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue sidewalk project.

The scope of work includes clearing, excavation and removal, earthwork and grading, pavement and miscellaneous site improvements, soil erosion control measures, landscaping and tree planting. This is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban development (HUD) funded project, which utilizes Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Alexander Contracting Company, Inc. shall adhere to all HUD and CDBG project requirements including Section 3, which is a provision of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.

Bid Specifications were posted on the web pages of the Purchasing Division, Georgia Procurement Registry and DemandStar on October 10, 2023. Three bids were received by the due date of November 15, 2023. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. The bidders were:

<b>Contractors</b>	<b>Total Unit Price Bid</b>	<b>DBE Participation</b>
<b>Alexander Contracting Company, Inc. (Fortson, GA)</b>	<b>\$406,710.50</b>	28.09%
The M Mitchell Group, LLC <sup>1</sup> (Carrollton, GA)	\$479,186.00	None listed
4H Services, LLC <sup>2</sup> (West Point, GA)	\$513,970.00	“N/A”

<sup>1</sup> The bid submitted by The M Mitchell Group, LLC was not signed and did not include unit prices for all line-items, as specified.

<sup>2</sup> The bid submitted by 4H Services, LLC did not include a unit price for the inlet sediment trap line-item, as specified.

Consequently, the bids from The M Mitchell Group, LLC and 4H Services, LLC were rejected and not considered for award. The Purchasing Division submitted written notification of the findings to the respective contractors.

Funds are budgeted in the FY22 Budget: Community Development Block Grant Fund – Community Reinvestment – Redevelopment – Neighborhood Redevelopment – Site Improvements; 0210-245-2100-RDEV-7623.

*Item #B.*

A RESOLUTION

Item #B.

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH ALEXANDER CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC. (FORTSON, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$406,710.50 FOR THE 1<sup>st</sup> AVENUE SIDEWALK PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, the scope of work includes clearing, excavation and removal, earthwork and grading, pavement and miscellaneous site improvements, soil erosion control measures, landscaping and tree planting. This is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban development (HUD) funded project, which utilizes Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Alexander Contracting Company, Inc. shall adhere to all HUD and CDBG project requirements including Section 3, which is a provision of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a construction contract with Alexander Contracting Company, Inc. (Fortson, GA) in the amount of \$406,710.50 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue sidewalk project. Funds are budgeted in the FY22 Budget: Community Development Block Grant Fund – Community Reinvestment – Redevelopment – Neighborhood Redevelopment – Site Improvements; 0210-245-2100-RDEV-7623.

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

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

C. Change Order 2 – METRA Park and Ride PI #0011435



**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #C.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Change Order 2 – METRA Park and RIDE PI #0011435
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of Change Order 2 with Southeastern Site Development, Inc. (Newnan, GA) in the amount of \$30,544.00 for the METRA park and ride project.

The Engineering Department obtained quotes from the awarded contractors under the annual contract for on-call services for installation or replacement of sidewalks, ADA ramps and other miscellaneous concrete work. The annual contract was approved by Council on March 27, 2018, via Resolution No. 111-18. Georgia Department of Transportation authorized the notice to proceed on January 6, 2023.

Change Order 2 is required for the installation of charging stations and bollards.

<b>Document</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Original Contract	Grading a vacant lot and installing a parking lot and features at 1646 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue.	392,433.97
Change Order 1	Site preparation and installation of charging station bases (“outlets”).	35,000.00
<b>Change Order 2</b>	<b>Installation of charging stations and bollards.</b>	<b>30,544.00</b>
New Contract Amount		\$ 457,977.97

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: 0751-610-2500-MTSP-7761; Transportation Fund – Transportation – UMTA Capital Grant – Metra T-SPLOST – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000.

**A RESOLUTION**

Item #C.

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER 2 WITH SOUTHEASTERN SITE DEVELOPMENT, INC. (NEWNAN, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,544.00 FOR THE METRA PARK AND RIDE PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, Engineering Department obtained quotes from the awarded contractors under the annual contract for on-call services for installation or replacement of sidewalks, ADA ramps and other miscellaneous concrete work. The annual contract was approved by Council on March 27, 2018, via Resolution No. 111-18. Georgia Department of Transportation authorized the notice to proceed on January 6, 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, Change Order 2 is required for the installation of charging stations and bollards.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute Change Order 2 with Southeastern Site Development, Inc. (Newnan, GA) in the amount of \$30,544.00 for the METRA park and ride project. Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: 0751-610-2500-MTSP-7761; Transportation Fund – Transportation – UMTA Capital Grant – Metra T-SPLOST – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000.

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

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

_____ Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council	_____ B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor
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**File Attachments for Item:**

D. Demolition Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0024

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #D.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Demolition Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0024
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of annual contracts with W.T. Miller, LLC (Cataula, GA) and SACAL Environmental & Management Company (Macon, GA) for demolition services. The Inspections and Code Department will procure the services on an as-needed basis. Other City departments may utilize the contract, including the Community Reinvestment Department, Highway Coordinator Division of the Planning Department, and the Public Works Department. The City reserves the right to issue separate solicitations for projects that are funded in whole or in part by state and federal agencies or if deemed in the City's best interest. The City will be the sole judge of the factors and will proceed accordingly. The Inspections and Code Department budgets approximately \$150,000.00 annually for the services and the Community Reinvestment Department budgets up to \$325,000.00 annually for the services.

W.T. Miller, LLC and SACAL Environmental & Management Company will provide all necessary equipment, materials, transportation, and labor for residential and commercial demolition services. For each project, the user department will obtain written quotes from the awarded contractors. For the Community Reinvestment Department projects that may be funded by Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), contractors shall ensure that all project activities will be administered in compliance with applicable labor and civil rights laws and regulations.

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

**Annual Contract History:**

The previous five-year contract was awarded on November 28, 2017 (Resolution No. 402-17) to M. Mitchell Group, LLC (Carrollton, GA) and W. M. Miller Demolition & Construction (Cataula, GA).

**RFP Advertisement and Receipt of Proposals:**

RFP specifications were posted on the web pages of the Purchasing Division, the Georgia Procurement Registry and DemandStar on May 30, 2023. This RFP has been advertised, opened and evaluated. Six proposals were received by the due date of June 30, 2023, from the following vendors:

**W.T. Miller, LLC (Cataula, GA)**

**SACAL Environmental & Management Company (Macon, GA)**

G & P Construction, Hauling & Environmental, LLC (North Augusta, GA)

RLC Farms, LLC (West Point, GA)

The following events took place after receipt of proposals:

<b>RFP MEETINGS/EVENTS</b>		
<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Agenda/Action</b>
Combined Pre-Evaluation Committee Meeting	09/18/23	The designee of the Purchasing Manager advised evaluation committee members of the RFP rules and process, and the project manager provided an overview of the contract requirements. Proposal copies were forwarded to the evaluation committee.
1 <sup>st</sup> Evaluation Committee Meeting	10/18/23	The committee discussed each proposal and determined clarification was required from one contractor.
Clarification Requested/Received	10/19/23	Clarification was requested and received from one contractor. The information was forwarded to the evaluation committee, which determined additional clarification was not required.
Evaluation Forms Sent	11/01/23	Evaluation forms were forwarded to voting committee members.
Evaluation Forms Completed	11/14/23	Evaluation forms were completed and returned to Purchasing for compilation results, which were then forwarded to the Evaluation Committee members for review.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Evaluation Committee Meeting	12/12/23	Committee members discussed evaluation results and determined changes were required for some of the contractors.
Revised Evaluation Forms Received	12/19/23	Revised evaluation forms received for some of the contractors.
Final Evaluation Results	12/22/23	With a vote of 2-to-1, the voting committee members recommended award to the two highest-scoring vendors, W.T. Miller, LLC and SACAL Environmental & Management Company.

**Evaluation Committee:**

The proposals were reviewed by the Evaluation Committee, which consisted of a voting member from the Community Reinvestment Department, a voting member from the Inspections and Code Department and a committee member from the Planning Department.

Serving as alternate voters were an additional representative from the Community Reinvestment Department and an additional representative from the Inspections and Code Department.

Serving as non-voting advisors were an additional representative from the Community Reinvestment Department and an additional representative from the Inspections and Code Department.

**Award Recommendation:**

With a vote of 2-to-1, the voting committee members recommended award to the two highest-scoring vendors, W.T. Miller, LLC and SACAL Environmental & Management Company for the following reasons:

- **W.T. Miller, LLC**

- The vendor is very responsive to CCG staff and the Inspections and Code Department has a long history with the company.
  - The vendor meets all of the qualifications to perform the scope of work and has more than enough equipment to perform the services.
  - The vendor has an excellent service plan and will accommodate emergency projects.
  - W.T. Miller provided great prices in their cost proposal.
  - The vendor has experience with federal, state and local projects.
- Qualifications/Experience:
    - W.T. Miller is a limited liability company that has been in operation for over 10 years.
    - The main type of work performed by the firm is demolition and abatement.
    - The contractor is licensed as an asbestos contractor firm and certified to perform lead-based paint activities by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division.
    - An employee of the company is a Level IA certified personnel by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission.
  - Below are the last three clients for which the contractor has performed similar services, at the time the contractor submitted a proposal:
    - Georgia Department of Transportation 02/23 – 04/23  
Cusseta Road/Old Cusseta Road Improvements  
  
Perform asbestos abatement, demolished 4,256 sq. ft. gas station and 6,000 gallons underground storage tanks, demolished 1500 sq. ft. one-story wood frame house with brick veneer, and demolished one-story wood framed house with Hardie siding.
    - Alexander Contracting Company, Inc. 06/21 – 09/21  
Multi-family Housing – Highland Terrace Phase II  
  
Performed asbestos abatement on three buildings. Demolished two one-story masonry buildings and demolished one two-story masonry building. Removed piles of miscellaneous cross contaminated materials and soils from a compromised building.
    - WB Construction 08/21 – 01/23  
Demolition of Facilities Phase 8C (Support West)  
  
Performed abatement on multiple buildings and demolished 35 buildings, one pool, and two underground storage tanks.

- **SACAL Environmental & Management Company**

- The contractor provided a good service plan to perform the scope of work.
  - SACAL has completed projects for Macon-Bibb County, the City of Albany, GA, and Hall County Government.
  - The contractor has more than enough equipment to complete projects.
  - The contractor plans to hire local personnel to help complete the scope of work, which will bring employment to the City of Columbus.
  - The vendor is certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) by the United States Small Business Administration (US SBA).
- Qualifications/Experience:
- SACAL Environmental & Management Company is a minority-owned firm with its headquarters office located in Macon-Bibb County, GA.
  - The contractor has been in operation since 1997 and is incorporated in the State of Georgia.
  - The contractor provides a broad range of environmental services, including, but not limited to hazardous materials building surveys, inspections, testing, monitoring, abatement, remediation, demolition, phase 1, II and III Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs), NEPA EA.
  - The contractor is licensed as an asbestos contractor firm and certified to perform lead-based paint activities by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division.
- Below are the last three clients for which the contractor has performed similar services, at the time the contractor submitted a proposal:
- Macon-Bibb County, GA 2021 - ongoing  
Abatement and demolition of Macon-Bibb County blight structures.
  - Macon-Bibb County, GA 2016 - ongoing  
Abatement and demolition of Macon- Bibb County blight structures.
  - City of Albany, GA 2016 - ongoing  
Asbestos surveys of blighted properties condemned for demolition.

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

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – Community Development – Inspections & Code Enforcement – Special Enforcement – Demolition Services; 0101-240-2400-SENF-6381; Community Reinvestment – Real Estate – Demolition Services, 0101-245-2400-REAL-6381, and Community Development Block Grant Fund – Community Reinvestment – Aid to Other Agencies – Demolition Services, 0210-245-2300-ECON-6381.

**A RESOLUTION**

Item #D.

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANNUAL CONTRACTS WITH W.T. MILLER, LLC (CATAULA, GA) AND SACAL ENVIRONMENTAL & MANAGEMENT COMPANY (MACON, GA) FOR DEMOLITION SERVICES. THE INSPECTIONS AND CODE DEPARTMENT WILL PROCURE THE SERVICES ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS. OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS MAY UTILIZE THE CONTRACT, INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT DEPARTMENT, HIGHWAY COORDINATOR DIVISION OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ISSUE SEPARATE SOLICITATIONS FOR PROJECTS THAT ARE FUNDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES OR IF DEEMED IN THE CITY'S BEST INTEREST. THE CITY WILL BE THE SOLE JUDGE OF THE FACTORS AND WILL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY. THE INSPECTIONS AND CODE DEPARTMENT BUDGETS APPROXIMATELY \$150,000.00 ANNUALLY FOR THE SERVICES AND THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGETS UP TO \$325,000.00 ANNUALLY FOR THE SERVICES.**

**WHEREAS**, an RFP was administered (RFP No. 23-0024) and six proposals were received; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposals submitted by W.T. Miller, LLC and SACAL Environmental & Management Company met all proposal requirements and were deemed responsive to the RFP; and,

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

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute annual contracts with W.T. Miller, LLC (Cataula, GA) and SACAL Environmental & Management Company (Macon, GA) for demolition services. The Inspections and Code Department will procure the services on an as-needed basis. Other City departments may utilize the contract, including the Community Reinvestment Department, Highway Coordinator Division of the Planning Department, and the Public Works Department. The City reserves the right to issue separate solicitations for projects that are funded in whole or in part by state and federal agencies or if deemed in the City's best interest. The City will be the sole judge of the factors and will proceed accordingly. The Inspections and Code Department budgets approximately \$150,000.00 annually for the services and the Community Reinvestment Department budgets up to \$325,000.000 annually for the services. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – Community Development – Inspections & Code Enforcement – Special Enforcement – Demolition Services; 0101-240-2400-SENF-6381; Community Reinvestment – Real Estate – Demolition Services, 0101-245-2400-REAL-6381, and Community Development Block Grant Fund – Community Reinvestment – Aid to Other Agencies – Demolition Services, 0210-245-2300-ECON-6381.

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

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

E. Staffing Software for Fire & EMS Department – RFP No. 19-0004

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #E.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Staffing Software for Fire & EMS Department – RFP No. 19-0004
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

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It is requested that Council approve payment to Aladtec Inc. (River Falls, WI), in the amount of \$32,295.71, for the annual Aladtec Workforce Management System software subscription fees for the period from January 18, 2024 through January 17, 2025. It is also requested that council approve payment for the annual software subscription fees for subsequent years, including cost increases for all aspects of the system, which will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years.

Resolution #442-18 authorized an agreement for the purchase of the cloud-based Aladtec Workforce Management System, which assists the Fire & EMS Department with facilitating employee time entry, shift scheduling, scheduling and tracking overtime, shift swaps, and other functionality.

Payment of the annual subscription fee ensures ongoing maintenance and support of the software.

Aladtec, Inc., as developer of the software, is the only company able to provide the required support; therefore, the vendor is considered an “Only Known Source”, per Section 3-114 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Funds for the current payment are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: LOST-Public Safety Fund – Fire & EMS – Public Safety-LOST – Software Lease; 0102-410-9900-LOST-6541. Annual subscription fee payments for subsequent years will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years.

A RESOLUTION

Item #E.

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO ALADTEC, INC. (RIVER FALLS, WI), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,295.71, FOR THE ANNUAL ALADTEC WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION FEES FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 18, 2024 THROUGH JANUARY 17, 2025. AS WELL AS, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR THE ANNUAL SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION FEES FOR SUBSEQUENT YEARS, INCLUDING COST INCREASES FOR ALL ASPECTS OF THE SYSTEM, WHICH WILL BE BUDGETED IN THE APPROPRIATE FISCAL YEARS.**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution #442-18 authorized an agreement for the purchase of the cloud-based Aladtec Workforce Management System, which assists the Fire & EMS Department with facilitating employee time entry, shift scheduling, scheduling, and tracking overtime, shift swaps, and other functionality; and,

**WHEREAS**, payment of the annual subscription fee ensures ongoing maintenance and support of the software; and,

**WHEREAS**, Aladtec Inc., as developer of the software, is the only company able to provide the required support; therefore, the vendor is considered an “Only Known Source”, per Section 3-114 of the Procurement Ordinance.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to render payment to Aladtec, Inc. (River Falls, WI), in the amount of \$32,295.71, for the annual Aladtec Workforce Management System software subscription fees for the period from January 18, 2024 through January 17, 2025. The City Manager is further authorized to render payment for the annual software subscription fees for subsequent years, including cost increases for all aspects of the system, which will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years. Funds for the current payment are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: LOST-Public Safety Fund – Fire & EMS – Public Safety-LOST – Software Lease; 0102-410-9900-LOST-6541. Annual subscription fee payments for subsequent years will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years.

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

Item #E.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

F. Membership Dues for Georgia Municipal Association

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #F.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Membership Dues for Georgia Municipal Association
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

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It is requested that Council approve payment to Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), in the amount of \$44,425.51, for 2024 membership dues for the City of Columbus, Georgia.

Created in 1933, the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) is the only state organization that represents municipal governments in Georgia. Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, educational, employee benefit and technical consulting services to its members. GMA currently represents all 538 cities in Georgia. A 66-member Board of Directors, composed of city officials, governs GMA. Program implementation is charged to the Executive Director and staff of 91 full-time employees.

The annual dues are comprised of a base amount and a per capita amount based on the population of the City. Population figures are based on the most recent decennial census or federal census estimate. Additionally, consolidated governments receive a twenty-five percent (25%) discount on annual dues.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: General Fund - Legislative – City Council - Membership Dues and Fees; 0101-100 – 1000 – CNCL - 6657.

**A RESOLUTION**

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION (GMA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,425.51, FOR 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.**

**WHEREAS**, created in 1933, the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) is the only state organization that represents municipal governments in Georgia. Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, educational, employee benefit and technical consulting services to its members. GMA currently represents all 538 cities in Georgia. A 66-member Board of Directors, composed of city officials, governs GMA. Program implementation is charged to the Executive Director and staff of 91 full-time employees; and,

**WHEREAS**, the annual dues are comprised of a base amount and a per capita amount based on the population of the City. Population figures are based on the most recent decennial census or federal census estimate. Additionally, consolidated governments receive a twenty-five percent (25%) discount on annual dues.

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

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor



**File Attachments for Item:**

G. Video Wall Addition for Police Department

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #G.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Video Wall Addition for Police Department
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

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It is requested that Council approve the purchase of video wall addition for the Police Department from Sun Video, INC. d/b/a/ Columbus Tape and Video (Columbus, GA) in the amount of \$35,653.81.

The purchase will include the provision and installation of four (4) additional monitors for the existing Video Wall housed in Emergency Management.

The City's Real Time Crime Center moved from the City's Annex in September 2023 and merged with Emergency Management. Emergency Management Office already had a video wall in place as a result of RFP No. 21-0030, Resolution #307-21, awarded to Columbus Tape and Video. However, additional equipment was needed for the Police Department's purposes. Columbus Tape and Video was consulted about modifying the existing video wall to integrate new equipment with the equipment already in place. Utilizing Columbus Tape and Video will enable a seamless integration of the two systems. Consequently, the vendor is considered the only known source for this purchase and installation, per the Procurement Ordinance, Article No. 3-114.

Funding is available via the Governor's ARP Violence Reduction Grant as follows: American Rescue Plan-Fiscal Recovery Funds – State ARP - State Public Health & Safety PS – Capital Expenditures – Over \$5,000 – Columbus Police Department Public Safety & Community Violence Reduction Grant; 0218-692-2100-ARPS-7761-40255-20240.

**A RESOLUTION**

Item #G.

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF VIDEO WALL ADDITION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM SUN VIDEO, INC. D/B/A/ COLUMBUS TAPE AND VIDEO (COLUMBUS, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,653.81.**

**WHEREAS**, the purchase will include the provision and installation of four (4) additional monitors for the existing Video Wall housed in Emergency Management; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City’s Real Time Crime Center moved from the City’s Annex in September 2023 and merged with Emergency Management. Emergency Management Office already had a video wall in place as a result of RFP No. 21-0030, Resolution #307-21, awarded to Columbus Tape and Video. However, additional equipment was needed for the Police Department’s purposes. Columbus Tape and Video was consulted about modifying the existing video wall to integrate new equipment with the equipment already in place. Utilizing Columbus Tape and Video will enable a seamless integration of the two systems. Consequently, the vendor is considered the only known source for this purchase and installation, per the Procurement Ordinance, Article No. 3-114.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

H. Camera Integration Platform for Police Department

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #H.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Camera Integration Platform for Police Department
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of a camera integration platform for the Police Department from FUSUS, Inc., (Peachtree Corners, GA), in the amount of \$125,000.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via RFP/Contract #2023-04-1547 awarded by the City of New Haven, CT.

FUSUS will provide a camera integration platform that allows the monitoring of video feeds from multiple public and privately-owned sources, in one place, all in real time. FUSUS provides the potential for police and other community members to jointly reduce and prevent crime using real-time information.

Individuals and businesses already share video footage with the Columbus Police Department upon request, but FUSUS would greatly streamline this process. Currently, officers either visit a residence or a business to request footage or otherwise reach out to individuals who could potentially have footage. This can take hours or days. With FUSUS, officers could immediately access footage from businesses that have already agreed to share their cameras with the Department.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via RFP/Contract #2023-04-1547, initiated by the City of New Haven, CT, whereby FUSUS was the successful vendor awarded the contract to provide ARPA Real-Time Crime Center Software Solution. The contract, which commenced November 6, 2023, is good through November 5, 2026. The contract has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The RFP process utilized by the City of New Haven meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funding is available via the Governor's ARP Violence Reduction Grant as follows: American Rescue Plan-Fiscal Recovery Funds – State ARP - State Public Health & Safety PS – Contractual Services – Columbus Police Department Public Safety & Community Violence Reduction Grant; 0218-692-2100-ARPS-6319-40255-20240.

**A RESOLUTION**

Item #H.

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A CAMERA INTEGRATION PLATFORM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM FUSUS, INC., (PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA RFP/CONTRACT #2023-04-1547 AWARDED BY THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN, CT.**

**WHEREAS**, FUSUS will provide a camera integration platform that allows the monitoring of video feeds from multiple public and privately-owned sources, in one place, all in real time. FUSUS provides the potential for police and other community members to jointly reduce and prevent crime using real-time information; and,

**WHEREAS**, individuals and businesses already share video footage with the Columbus Police Department upon request, but FUSUS would greatly streamline this process. Currently, officers either visit a residence or a business to request footage or otherwise reach out to individuals who could potentially have footage. This can take hours or days. With FUSUS, officers could immediately access footage from businesses that have already agreed to share their cameras with the Department; and,

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

I. Additional License Plate Reader (LPR) Cameras for Police Department



**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #/.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Additional License Plate Reader (LPR) Cameras for Police Department
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

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It is requested that Council approve the purchase of additional license plate reader (LPR) cameras for the Police Department from The Flock Group, Inc D/B/A Flock Safety (Atlanta, GA), in the amount of \$837,150.00.

The purchase will include Flock Falcon LPR cameras (44), Flock Safety Falcon LPR-LR cameras (3), Flock Safety Condor surveillance cameras (25), all with Flock operating system and implementation fees. Additional license plate reader (LPR) cameras, long-range LPR cameras and surveillance cameras need to be added to the integrated systems in place in the Real Time Crime Center to further the Police Department's law enforcement and investigation capabilities.

Per Resolution #142-21, Council approved an initial purchase of License Plate Reader Cameras from Flock Safety. It is necessary to utilize the same vendor for this additional purchase due to equipment integration. Consequently, the vendor is considered the only known source for this purchase and installation, per the Procurement Ordinance, Article No. 3-114.

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A RESOLUTION

Item #/.

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

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

**1. DRONE FOR FIRE & EMS:**

On December 19, 2023, the Information Technology Department, on behalf of the Fire & EMS Department, requested the emergency purchase of a drone to be utilized by the Fire and EMS Department.

The DJI Matrice 250 RTK drone will be purchased from Flymotion (Tampa, FL), in the amount of \$37,966.22, by Cooperative Contract purchase via Sourcewell Contract #011223-FLM. The Drone has the ability to drop a personal flotation device to a person in distress in the river.

The equipment and the technology aspects of the purchase were vetted by Fire & EMS and the Information Technology Departments.

The purchase will be 100% funded by the 2023 SMART (Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation) grant. The purchase had to be expedited to take advantage of the 2023 grant funding. Consequently, the City Manager approved the emergency purchase on December 19, 2023, as a matter of public safety.

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
EMERGENCY PURCHASE**

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**File Attachments for Item:**

A. Godwin Creek Golf Course Update – Jim Arendt, Golf Director, Bull Creek/Oxbow/Godwin Creek Golf Courses



# Columbus Golf Authority

**Good  
morning!**



Thank you for the opportunity to present this Godwin Creek Golf Course budget proposal for the remainder of FY24.



Item #A.

Godwin Creek Golf Club,  
403 42nd St, Columbus,...

Godwin Creek  
Golf Club

# Map of Godwin Creek



# Findings...from the National Golf Foundation

- Godwin Creek provides an excellent venue to create future customers that will have a positive impact on the region's other courses. The Columbus market is fortunate to have facilities like Godwin Creek and Oxbow Creek that cater to younger and less experienced players, as well as senior golfers. The City's mix of golf facilities facilitates beginning golfers training/playing at Godwin Creek, seniors, students, and golfers on a budget playing Oxbow Creek, and championship level players enjoying Bull Creek's two high-quality layouts.

## NGF SUMMARY CONCLUSION

NGF's analysis of Oxbow Creek's position in the market highlights that an addition of 9 holes should be feasible from an operational standpoint, provided the additional holes are attractive, easy to maintain, and playable for a wide range of skill levels. The market area's golf demand has been growing and is expected

With the inclusion of Godwin Creek to the City of Columbus' golf operations, the City will offer a wide variety of service levels for regional golfers (*beginners/juniors at Godwin Creek, seniors and more budget focused players at Oxbow Creek, and better players at Bull Creek*). The expansion of Oxbow Creek will position the property as a more viable option for golfers seeking 18-hole golf service. An 18-hole Oxbow Creek would allow Bull Creek to more effectively "shift" golfers from its courses to Oxbow and provide more capacity for its golf outings. With Bull Creek's proposed new clubhouse being built, that facility is anticipated to be more popular for events and outings. Currently with 9-holes,

# What is going to be different?

In addition to previously proven Godwin Creek practices

- Saturday clinics
- Volunteer staffing

PGA programs

PGA instruction/supervised instruction

- Continued program of High School players assisting with instruction





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PGA Jr. League

**Join the team.  
Play with friends.  
Learn the game with expert coaching.  
Find your community!**

PGA influence



## PGA Junior League

Funding for underprivileged youth

School lunch program-100% fees

Military (parent or grandparent) \$99 year + 100%  
other fees



## Community Support

# PGA IMPACT



Announce the **FIRST EVER**-Georgia  
PGA Goodwill Southern Rivers/Gene  
Siller Memorial Grant RECIPIENT



Son of Columbus PGA HOPE Veteran,  
he loves golf



Will receive \$3000 for golf –  
tournaments, instruction, other





GEORGIA







2017 carts



2005 Toro

Item #A.



# Equipment



2005 Toro



Item #A.



2017 carts







# HISTORICAL

Item #A.

## GREEN FEES - NINE HOLES

BIBB FAMILIES ( MUST HAVE BIBB PASS ) \_\_\_\_\_ 50¢  
GENERAL PUBLIC \_\_\_\_\_ 75¢

## CLUB RENTAL

FOUR CLUBS WITH BAG AND ONE BALL \_\_\_\_\_ 40¢  
( 10¢ REFUND WHEN BALL RETURNED )

INDIVIDUAL CLUBS \_\_\_\_\_ 10¢ EACH  
BALLS \_\_\_\_\_ 20¢ EACH  
( REFUND WHEN BALL RETURNED )




Clubhouse and Storage building





# Budget- Godwin Creek FY24 (January –June)

		
<b>Capital Equipment-Maintenance</b>		
Toro Triplex mower (used)	\$30,000	FY25
Tractor (used)	\$25,000	FY25
6 Existing Yamaha Golf Carts (used)	\$12,500	FY24 rent
Front Loader	\$30,000	FY25
Toro Green mower (used)	\$25,000	FY25
Zero Turn John Deere mower (new)	\$11,500	FY24 lease
Air Tank/accessories	\$1,000	
Small tools	\$3,000	
Yamaha utility vehicle	\$11,000	FY24 lease
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$149,000</b>	
*move used John Deere sprayer from Bull Creek to Godwin Creek		
<b>Capital Equipment-Operations</b>		
Computer,POS system	\$0	
Printer	\$0	
Netting	\$5,000	FY25
Mats	\$0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	



**FY24 Maintenance -Godwin Creek**

	Annually	1/1/24-6/30/24
Labor	\$44,000	\$ 22,000.00
Chemicals	\$8,000	\$ 4,000.00
Parks Maintenance-Irrigation	\$4,500	\$ 2,250.00
Operating Materials	\$2,500	\$ 1,250.00
Auto Parts	\$2,500	\$ 1,250.00
Building Maintenance	\$750	\$ 375.00
Security	\$1,200	\$ 600.00
Membership	\$300	\$ 150.00
Education	\$500	\$ 250.00
Travel	\$500	\$ 250.00
Fuel	\$5,500	\$ 2,750.00
Electricity	\$7,500	\$ 3,750.00
Water	\$9,000	\$ 4,500.00
Lease equipment	\$11,000	\$ 5,500.00
<b>Total</b>	\$97,750	\$ 48,875.00

**FY24 Operations- Godwin Creek**

	1/1/24-6/30/24
Labor	\$45,000 \$ 22,500.00
Office Supplies	\$1,200 \$ 600.00
Operating Materials	\$4,000 \$ 2,000.00
Building Maintenance	\$2,400 \$ 1,200.00
Security	\$1,000 \$ 500.00
Electricity	\$4,500 \$ 2,250.00
Water	\$750 \$ 375.00
Phone,tv,internet	\$2,500 \$ 1,250.00
Food	\$3,500 \$ 1,750.00
Merchandise	\$6,000 \$ 3,000.00
POS software	\$3,500 \$ 1,750.00
<b>Total</b>	\$ 74,350 \$ 37,175.00
<b>Total Operations &amp; Maintenance</b>	\$172,100 \$ 86,050.00

**FY24 Revenue-Godwin Creek**

	1/1/24-6/30/24
Green Fees	\$42,000 \$ 21,000.00
Cart Fees	\$8,000 \$ 4,000.00
Food	\$9,000 \$ 4,500.00
Merchandise	\$10,000 \$ 5,000.00
Support from donations/other	\$61,100 \$ 30,550.00
Clinics/Programs	\$42,000 \$ 21,000.00
<b>Total</b>	\$172,100 \$ 86,050.00

# Proposal

- Request for funding, not to exceed \$100,000, to operate Godwin Creek from January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024.

**Thank you**



**File Attachments for Item:**

B. Columbus Police Department Recruitment and Retention – Reather Hollowell, Director, Human Resources, Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager, Finance, Planning & Infrastructure and Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance



# Columbus Police Department Recruitment and Retention



*January 9, 2024*

# Police Recruitment and Retention

- Overview of Police Pay Reform and Restructure in 2015
- What Happened and Why
- Resolution and Implementation
- OLOST – Public Safety Commitment
- New Proposed Changes to Police Pay

# Retention Commission

## “Police Pay Reform and Restructure Committee”

- Consisted of approximately 30 members of CPD from varying divisions, ranks and seniority
- Mayor T. Tomlinson, City Manager, Assist. City Attorney
- Two City Councilors (Baker and Barnes)
- Finance and Human Resources Directors

# Columbus Police Department

## Retention Commission created in 2014

Also called “Police Pay Reform and Restructure Committee”

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Police Department expressed concerns about officer **recruitment** and **retention**

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The Police Department requested a change in their pay structure.

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Uncertainty of how much pay an officer would earn each year. The amount of overtime earned was unpredictable. Not all Officers earned overtime.

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Annual increases in overtime created budget challenges for Finance with difficulty balancing the budget for all Public Safety Departments.

# FY2016 PROPOSAL

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- \*Court Pay could be reduced by scheduling court appearances (to the extent possible) within the officer's regular 171hour work schedule.

Item #B.

2 YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT	
Remove Sign on Bonus	(\$54,500)
Remove "Gap" Time	(\$514,282)
Add Increase Year 1	\$531,050
Add Increase Year 2	\$173,350
Net 2 Year Impact	\$135,618
Benefits Impact	\$6,182
<b>TOTAL 2 YEAR IMPACT</b>	<b>\$141,800</b>
Court Pay	(\$115,450)*

# FY2016 Resolution

- Retain the \$2,000 sign on bonus
- Remove “Gap” time
- Pay based on FLSA – Overtime after working 171 hours in 28-day work period
- Pay Reform - Institute longevity pay incentive up to 30 years of service
- Adopted in FY16 Budget and Ord. #15-35

# FY2016 Pay Reform Implementation

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Longevity Pay replaced Pay Reform with implementation of new Pay Plan 01/2023.  
One-Step/1% pay increase at each milestone year of service.

YEARS OF SERVICE	BASE PAY INCREASE
After 3 Years	\$1,000
After 5 Years	\$1,300
After 7 Years	\$1,500
After 10 Years	\$1,500
After 15 Years	\$1,500
After 20 Years	\$1,500
After 25 Years	\$1,500
After 30 Years	\$1,500

# CPD Recruitment and Retention Summary

- To increase recruitment and retention of Officers
- Establish reliable pay structure for Officers
- Assisted with balancing the budgets for all Public Safety Depts.
- Implementation of pay reform or longevity pay



# OLOST Public Safety Commitment

## Public Safety Improvements

- Improve emergency response time
  - 100 additional Police Officers on the street
  - 10 additional patrol beats
  - Additional Motor Squad Units
  - Enhance Tactical Squad
  - Parks, Downtown, and Riverwalk Patrols

# Turnover Rate (2008 – 2023)

## Authorized CPD Positions

Item #B.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Hired</b>	70	103	43	44	40	41	57	49	50	56	40	46	50	37	42	96
<b>Retired</b>	-3	-7	-12	-12	-10	-14	-7	-13	-17	-10	-11	-10	-13	-8	-6	-2
<b>Resigned</b>	-27	-33	-21	-33	-36	-35	-31	-54	-61	-37	-43	-40	-44	-74	-57	-64
<b>Terminate d/Laid Off</b>	-3	-6	-7	-1	-2	-3	-3	-1	0	0	-1	-2	0	-2	-2	-1
<b>Deceased</b>	0	0	0	0	0	-3	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>-28</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-47</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>28</b>

# Active Officers vs Vacancies By Fiscal Year

	(As of 12/31/23) FY24	FY23	FY22	FY21	FY20	FY19	FY18	FY17	FY16	FY15	FY14	FY13	FY12	FY11	FY10	FY09	FY08
Authorized Sworn Police Positions	468	468	468	488	488	488	488	488	488	488	488	488	488	488	488	488	388
Unfunded Positions (To fund various pay reforms and pay adjustments)	(52)	(24)	(24)	(24)	(21)	(20)	(16)	(16)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Budgeted Sworn Police Positions	416	444	444	464	467	468	472	472	488	488	488	488	488	488	488	488	388
Officers on Payroll at Fiscal Year End	331	292	314	354	402	399	407	413	411	458	452	468	478	476	482	457	378
Vacancies	85	152	130	110	65	69	65	59	77	30	36	20	10	12	6	31	10

# CPD Proposal

## Recap of CPD Unfunded Positions

<b>Budgeted CPD Sworn Positions</b>	<b>488</b>
<b>Unfunded Positions – fund recruitment, retention and longevity pay</b>	<b>-24</b>
<b>Unfunded Positions – fund “above and beyond” in the new pay plan</b>	<b>-28</b>
<b>Budgeted Cadet Positions (converted to civilian positions in FY24)</b>	<b>-20</b>
<b>Total Budgeted Positions</b>	<b>416</b>

# CPD Proposal

- To award a \$5,000 pay increase to sworn CPD Officers and E-911 Communications Techs, **44 sworn** positions would need to be eliminated. The implementation cost would be **\$2.749 mil.** The total number of CPD sworn positions would be adjusted to **372.**
- Options to ease the cost impact:
  - Newly hired Officers receive \$5,000 pay increase after receiving full \$5,000 sign-on bonus which is spread over 24 months.
  - Current Officers still receiving the sign-on bonus will receive the \$5,000 pay increase after receiving the full sign-on bonus.

# Public Safety OLOST

## Police Officers

Item #B.

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\*OLOST Commitment – Add 100 new Police Officer positions

\*\*44 positions eliminated to increase Police pay 10 (Police and E-911 Techs)

\*\*\*52 Unfunded vacant positions that could be filled if CPD can hire Officers

# Questions



**File Attachments for Item:**

**DATE:** January 9, 2024

**TO:** Mayor and Councilors

**FROM:** Finance Department

**January 12, 2024**

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Reinvestment Department (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0012**

**Scope of RFP**

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**January 19, 2024**



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**January 31, 2024**

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**Columbus Consolidated Government  
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December 18, 2023

## NOTICE TO COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL

RE: Update to prior notices of August 1, 2023, and October 2, 2023, Tax Abatement Agreement on 2023 Series Bonds

The Board of Tax Assessors has approved a tax abatement agreement with Raytheon Technologies, Pratt & Whitney Division for Georgia Taxable Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 not to exceed \$146,400,000.

As indicated in the attached exhibits, the date of inducement, June 8, 2023, will be the baseline date for jobs fired. Personal property investment will be broken into 2 years and abated at a rate of 100% for the first 3 years, 70% for years 4 and 5, and 50% for the remaining 5 years. Personal property will be fully taxable beginning year 11.

The Board of Assessors reserves the right to review the project at the end of each tax year, beginning the year following the completion of the project. The review shall determine if the project sustains the requirements to qualify for the abatement. Exhibit C outlines the calculations for the average actual performance and repayment amount in the event they fail to fully qualify.

Respectfully,

Suzanne Widenhouse  
Chief Appraiser  
Secretary, Muscogee County Board of Assessors

ATT: Notice to Council – August 1, 2023  
Notice to Council – October 2, 2023  
Agreement



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October 2, 2023

## NOTICE TO COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL

RE: Update to prior notice of August 1, 2023, Tax Abatement Agreement on 2023 Series Bonds

The tax abatement agreement with Raytheon Technologies, Pratt & Whitney Division is no longer in place.

The Board of Tax Assessors received a request thru the Development Authority to modify the agreement changing the number of years the agreement would be in place, how long they would have to complete the project, and changing the terms of verifying compliance and removing any reference to remedy in the event of non-compliance. After much discussion, the Board of Assessors decided not to amend the agreement.

The Board of Assessors remains open to approving the prior agreement should RTX (formerly Raytheon Technologies) wish to move forward with the terms as previously defined.

Respectfully,

Suzanne Widenhouse  
Chief Appraiser  
Secretary, Muscogee County Board of Assessors

ATT: Notice to Council – August 1, 2023

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August 1, 2023

### Notice To Columbus City Council:

In accordance with Council Resolution 218-23, the Board of Tax Assessors hereby gives notice of the approval of tax abatements for Raytheon Technologies Corporation, Pratt & Whitney Division.

The abatement was approved July 17, 2023, for Georgia Taxable Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 bonds, not to exceed \$146,400,000. Exhibit A indicates the breakdown of investment for tax years 2023 and 2024, between real and personal property.

As indicated in Exhibit B, personal property will be abated at a rate of 100% for the first 3 years, 70% for years 4 and 5, and 50% for the remaining 5 years. At the end of the 10 years, the personal property will be valued in accordance with the Georgia Department of Revenue's Appraisal Procedures Manual and valued at 100% of the depreciated value.

The Board of Assessors reserves the right to review the project at the end of each of tax year, beginning the year following the completion of the project. The review shall determine if the project sustains the requirements to qualify for the abatement. Exhibit C outlines the calculations for average actual performance and repayment amount.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzanne Widenhouse".

Suzanne Widenhouse  
Chief Appraiser  
Secretary, Muscogee County Board of Assessors

Att: Exhibits A, B and C

**EXHIBIT "A"**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Personal Property (M&E)	\$114,700,000	\$ 31,700,000
Real Property (Buildings)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$146,400,000</b>	



**EXHIBIT "B"****PRATT-WHITNEY TAX SAVINGS****Level I Project****Real Property Savings**

100% - First 3 Years  
50% - Years 4-20

**Personal Property Savings**

100% – First 3 Years  
70% - Years 4 & 5  
50% - Years 6-10  
Fully Taxable - Years 11+

**EXHIBIT "C"****Commitment and Calculation  
of Repayment Amount****Average Actual Performance****Commitment:**

By the Commitment Date, the Company will have hired not less than 156 new permanent full-time employees, and shall have made private capital investment in the Project of not less than One Hundred Forty-Six Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$146,400,000).

The Average Actual Performance shall be determined by the following formula

**STEP 1**

$$\frac{\text{Actual Jobs Created } 124}{\text{Committed Number of Jobs } 156} = 79.5\% \text{ Percentage of Committed Jobs Created}$$

$$\frac{\text{Actual Capital Investment } \$128,10,000}{\text{Committed Capital Investment } \$146,400,000} = 87.5\% \text{ Percentage of Committed New Investment}$$

**STEP 2**

	79.5%	Percentage of Committed Jobs
+	87.5%	Percentage of Committed New Investment
=	167.0%	Percentage of Commitments Met

**STEP 3**

$$\frac{167.0\% \text{ Percentage of Commitment Met}}{2} = 83.5\% \text{ Average Actual Performance}$$

No Repayment Required if Average Actual Performance (jobs and capital investment) is more than 80%



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December 11, 2023

RTX Corporation,  
Pratt & Whitney Division  
8801 Macon Road  
Columbus, Georgia 31908  
Attn: General Manager

Mr. Heath Schondelmeyer, Chairman  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA  
Post Office Box 1200  
Columbus, Georgia 31902

Re: Not to Exceed a total of \$146,400,000 of Development Authority of Columbus,  
Georgia Taxable Revenue Bonds (Pratt Whitney Forge Project), Series 2023 (the  
"Bonds")

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

We understand that the Development Authority of Columbus, Georgia (the "Authority"), intends to issue the Bonds to finance the acquisition and installation of machinery, equipment, and other personal property (the "Business Personal Property"), located in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia at 8801 Macon Road, Columbus, Georgia (the "Project") which will be titled in the name of the Authority and leased to RTX Corporation, Pratt & Whitney Division (the "Company"), pursuant to a Lease Agreement to be entered into simultaneously with the issuance of the Bonds (the "Lease"). The term of the Lease will be for a period not to exceed twenty (20) years,

This letter<sup>1</sup> is in response to the request from the Authority confirming the valuation for ad valorem tax purposes of the Company's leasehold interest in the Project pursuant to the Lease. The Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors (the "BOTA") hereby acknowledges and agrees that the fair market value of the Company's leasehold interest in the Project during the term of the Lease

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Capitalized terms not specifically defined herein are as defined in the Georgia Department of Revenue Appraisal Procedures Manual

shall be determined for ad valorem taxation purposes as herein set forth. The BOTAs' agreement as set forth herein is contingent upon and subject to the Lease being executed by all parties within eighteen (18) months from the date of this letter, unless otherwise provided. Additionally, the BOTAs must receive from the Company a properly completed and executed Certification in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B", which shall include an annual Personal Property Return and supporting documentation and a statement certifying that the machinery, equipment and other personal property has been maintained in a reasonable and customary manner, on or before April 1 of each tax digest year until Project completion. Such submissions shall be complete, accurate, and timely submitted. Amendments shall be addressed individually, in accordance with the scope and Level of the Project. If the Company fails to timely file complete and accurate Certificates, the Company may be subject to audit with potential adjustments to valuation.

Business Personal Property consists of furniture, fixtures, machinery, and equipment in the hands of the final user, the Company, and all the direct costs incurred by the Company associated with acquiring, transporting and installing such property at the site where it is to be used. This includes the historical cost of Business Personal Property at the time it was first put into service new, the cost of transporting the Business Personal Property to its present site, the cost of any on-site assembly or customized modification of the Business Personal Property, the cost of installing the Business Personal Property, the cost of installing personal fixtures and trade fixtures necessary for the proper operation of the Business Personal Property, and any sales or use tax paid on the Business Personal Property. Original cost new is equivalent to original Business cost if the property owner were the first to put the Business Personal Property into service.

The Current Fair Market Value of Business Personal Property as defined herein shall be that value carried on the records of the BOTAs for the calendar year (the "Tax Year") in which the Lease from the Authority to the Company is applicable. The first Tax Year with respect to the Business Personal Property shall mean the calendar year subsequent to when such Personal Property was first acquired and installed in/on the Project.

The applicable Current Fair Market Value of the Leasehold Interest Percentage shown for Business Personal Property in the 'Value of the Leasehold Interest Table as a Percentage of Current Fair Market Value' (attached as Exhibit "A") shall continue for Tax Years 2024 to and including 2033. For the avoidance of doubt, the parties agree that during the term of the Lease the Company shall be allowed to depreciate the Business Personal Property which is being leased. Thereafter, the Business Personal Property shall be returned annually using the appropriate depreciation schedule in accordance with the Georgia Department of Revenue's Appraisal Procedures Manual and valued at 100% of the depreciated value.

Based on the Project's location and type and the Company's current estimates of (i) its capital investment associated with the acquisition, and equipping of the Project, and (ii) the number, salary level, type (e.g., full-time, part-time, construction, etc.) and timing of the creation of the jobs related to the Project, the BOTAs has determined that the Project will constitute a Level I project under its standard incentive level guidelines. As a Level I project, the Project will receive tax savings based on the percentages listed on BOTAs Exhibit "A" (the "Tax Percentages Savings"). The BOTAs and the Authority reserve the right to review the Project as of the end of the second Tax Year following the Tax Year in which the Project's production output commences in order to determine whether the Project constitutes a Level I project under the Incentive Guidelines. If any such review results in a determination that the Project does not qualify as a Level I project, but does qualify for another lower project level, the Tax Percentages applicable to such other project level shall be applied on a

prospective basis only beginning in the third Tax Year following the Tax Year in which the Project's production output commences. In the event the Actual Average Performance (defined below) is less than 80% on the Commitment Date ("Commitment Date" means the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the day production at the facility begins), the incentives are subject to being revoked, and, if entirely revoked, the Project shall return to full taxation on a prospective basis.

If at any time during the term of the Lease the Authority makes the determination that the Company is non-compliant with the requirements of its Lease between the Authority and the Company regarding the maintenance and condition of the Business Personal Property, the Authority will promptly notify the Company and grant the Company a commercially reasonable time (not to exceed six (6) months) to cure the non-compliance. If the non-compliance is not cured within such time period, the Authority shall notify the BOTA which will then provide the Company written notification of the BOTA's intent to suspend all tax and assessments benefits as described herein, such suspension to be effective the digest year following the date of such notice from the BOTA. The suspension of the tax and assessment benefits will terminate the digest year following the Company's compliance with the terms and conditions of the Lease.

Upon termination of the Lease the Authority shall provide the BOTA with evidence of the reconveyance of the Business Personal Property to the Company in the Tax Year of such termination.

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Any portion of the Project not financed through the Bonds shall be fully taxable and shall not be subject to the terms of this agreement.

You are welcomed and encouraged to contact the BOTA if there are any questions concerning this matter. Please confirm your agreement to the foregoing by fully executing and returning this letter.

Very truly yours,

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, BOARD OF ASSESSORS

By:

  
Chairman

Read and Agreed to:

"Company"

RTX Corporation,  
Pratt & Whitney Division

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

"Authority"

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heath Schondelmeyer, Chairman

Attachments: BOTA Exhibit A, VALUE OF LEASEHOLD INTEREST TABLE FOR  
ASSESSMENT PURPOSES; TAX SAVINGS

BOTA Exhibit B, CERTIFICATION TO BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS

BOTA Exhibit C, Commitment and Calculation of Reduction Amount — Average  
Actual Performance

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**VALUE OF LEASEHOLD INTEREST TABLE FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
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**PRATT-WHITNEY TAX SAVINGS**

**Level I Project**

Business Personal Property Savings 100% — First 3 Years

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**EXHIBIT "B"**  
**CERTIFICATION TO BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS**

RE: Development Authority of Columbus, Georgia Industrial Revenue Bonds

Project: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Series: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personal Prop Account # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Real Prop Parcel # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bond Face Amount \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certifies that as of January 1, 20\_\_\_\_, the Company has drawn from the proceeds of the Bonds a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, for the following uses in connection with the project being financed by the Bonds Project:

Land, Building, and Improvements to REAL PROPERTY  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Machinery, Equipment and Items of PERSONAL PROPERTY  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The Project has generated and/or retained jobs for the community:

Total Full Time Jobs as of January 1 of current year \_\_\_\_\_

Baseline Full Time Jobs from date of Inducement Resolution \_\_\_\_\_

The Company understands that the Board of Tax Assessors will use the foregoing information in connection with the determination of the assessment of the interest of the Company in the Project for taxation purposes, and the failure to complete and timely file this Certification on or before April 1 for the current Tax Year may result in the taxation of the Project for said year and for Tax Years thereafter without regard to the understanding set forth in the correspondence between the Board of Tax Assessors, the Company, and the Development Authority.

The foregoing expenditures [ ]do[ ]do not[ ] represent all of the proceeds of the captioned bonds to be expended for the Project. There [ ]will[ ]will not[ ] be further expenditures in connection with this Project from the proceeds of the Bonds in subsequent years.

Dated the \_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 [Name of Company]

By \_\_\_\_\_



**EXHIBIT "C"**

**Commitment and Calculation of Reduction Amount  
Average Actual Performance**

**Commitment:**

By the Commitment Date, the Company will have hired not less than 156 new permanent full-time employees, and shall have made private capital investment in the Project of not less than One Hundred Forty-Six Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$146,400,000) which includes hirings and capitalized costs incurred from June 8, 2023.

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**STEP 1**

$$\frac{\text{Actual Jobs Created } 124}{\text{Committed Number of Jobs } 156} = 79.5\% \text{ Percentage of Committed Jobs Created}$$

$$\frac{\text{Actual Capital Investment } \$128,10,000}{\text{Committed Capital Investment } \$146,400,000} = 87.5\% \text{ Percentage of Committed New Investment}$$

**STEP 2**

$$\begin{array}{ll} 79.5\% & \text{Percentage of Committed Jobs} \\ 87.5\% & \text{Percentage of Committed New Investment} \\ 167.0\% & \text{Percentage of Commitments Met} \end{array}$$

**STEP 3**

$$\frac{167.0\% \text{ Percentage of Commitment Met}}{2} = 83.5\% \text{ Average Actual Performance}$$

No Reduction Required if Average Actual Performance (jobs and capital investment) is more than 80%

**File Attachments for Item:**

2. RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Councilor Toyia Tucker from the December 21, 2023 Special Called Meeting.

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

A Resolution excusing Councilors absence.

\_\_\_\_\_  
THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES:

Pursuant to Section 3-103(6) of the Charter of Columbus, Georgia, Councilor Toyia Tucker is hereby excused from attendance of the December 21, 2023 Special Called Meeting for the following reasons:

Personal Business:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 9th day of January 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Sandra T. Davis**  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
**B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III**  
Mayor

Form revised 11-1-79, Approved by Council 11-6-79

**File Attachments for Item:**

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

Audit Committee, August 16, 2023

Board of Elections & Registration, November 2, 2023

Board of Tax Assessors, #41-23 and #42-23

Board of Water Commissioners, December 11, 2023

Civic Center Advisory Board, November 16, 2023

Development Authority, November 16, 2023

Planning Advisory Commission, July 19, September 20, October 18 and November 1, and November 15, 2023

Recreation Advisory Board, May 27, July 29, and September 30, 2020 and March 31, August 25, September 29, and November 17, 2021

## **Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Audit Committee August 16, 2023**

The Organizational Meeting of the Audit Committee was called to order by Sandra Davis, Clerk of Council at 1:00 PM. She welcomed the newly appointed members and guests to the meeting.

Ms. Davis then called the roll of the Committee Members. Present were Mike Baker, Councilor Tyson Begly, Councilor Toyia Tucker, and John Redmond. She noted that Michael Bruder was absent due to work-related travel. Also present were Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor and Compliance Officer, Councilors Charmaine Crabb and Glenn Davis, and Tameka Colbert, Deputy Clerk Pro-Tem, B. H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor.

Next, Ms. Davis distributed several documents to the committee members that would be useful to them. These included a copy of the Charter of the Consolidated Government Columbus, Georgia; Boards, Commissions, & Authorities Member Letter and Handbook; Article VI, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer; and Sec. 7-405 Post Audit (4), explaining the Council's Bi-annual responsibility to appoint two of its members and three external members to serve on the audit committee. No member could serve more than six consecutive years. It went on to prescribe the requirements for the external members; have a finance, governmental or accounting background. It went on to delineate the committee's responsibilities to provide independent review and oversight of a government's financial reporting processes, internal controls, and external auditors. The audit committee's role may include: (a) participating in the process of selecting or retaining the consolidated government's independent external auditor: (b) communicating directly with the external auditor on at least an annual basis to review the work of the external auditor as to the scope of the annual audit and any matters of concern with respect to internal controls; and (c) reviewing any reports of the external auditor in advance

of their presentation to Council. The internal auditor of the consolidated government will be available to provide information and technical assistance to the Committee.

Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson then administered the Oath of Office to Committee Members Mike Baker and John Redmond. He noted that he had already administered the Oath of Office to Michael Bruder.

Mayor Henderson then issued the Charge to the Committee.

Lucy Sheftall, Assistant City Attorney, then discussed the Charter Amendment that created the Audit Committee with Committee Members.

Next, the Committee selected its officers. Mike Baker recommended Tyson Begly for Chairperson, based on his serving on the Charter Review Commission that recommended amending the city charter to enable the creation of an Audit Committee. After which, Councilor Begly recommended Councilor Tucker to serve as Vice Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Redmond. The members elected Councilor Begly as Chairperson and Councilor Tucker as Vice Chair by unanimous vote of its members present.

John Redmond was then asked to serve as Secretary of the Committee. Once Mr. Redmond accepted, Chairperson Begly made a motion to confirm Mr. Redmond as the board secretary, seconded by Vice Chairperson Tucker. The members elected Mr. Redmond to serve in that position by unanimous vote of its members present.

Chairperson Begly then led a discussion regarding the frequency of Audit Committee Meetings. He suggested that the committee meet quarterly, with the next meeting to occur in December 2023. He noted that a called meeting could occur, if necessary. Assistant City Attorney, Lucy Sheftall added the necessity for posting meeting notices to the public of all of the committee's meetings, as all Council Meetings, and Committees thereof, are open to the public.

Chairperson Begly noted that the December Meeting would be an opportune time to meet with the External Auditors to discuss their audit report, findings, and recommendations, as it would coincide with the completion of their annual audit, but before their presentation of their report to City Council in January.

Action Items needing completion, include the following: Audit Engagement Letter, (Donna McGinnis), Notification of the External Auditors of the creation of the Audit Committee (Donna McGinnis), Listings of audits in progress, audits approved by City Council but pending (Donna McGinnis), Draft Minutes of the August 16 Meeting prepared and sent to committee chair for review and concurrence (John Redmond), final minutes, as reviewed and corrected, sent to Clerk of Council for distribution to City Council and Clerk's Committee Minutes File (John Redmond)

The Clerk of Council will share the contact information of the Committee Members with each member of the Committee to facilitate communication among Committee Members. (Clerk of Council)

With there being no further business to discuss, Vice Chairperson Tucker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Baker and carried unanimously by the members present.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Redmond, Secretary



## Board of Elections and Registrations

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Margaret S. Jenkins, Chair  
Uhland "U. D." Roberts, Vice-Chair  
Linda Parker  
Edwin Roldan  
Diane Scrimshire

### Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration November 2, 2023 Minutes

The monthly meeting for the Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration was held Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice Chairperson Uhland Roberts called the meeting to order at 2p.m. Chair Margaret Jenkins available by phone for meeting due to medical excuse.

**Board Comments:** Chair Margaret Jenkins submitted retirement effective December 31<sup>st</sup>

**Agenda Request:** N/A

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Linda Parker seconded Edwin Roldan's motion to approve the October board meeting minutes.

**New Business:**

- **Obituaries and Vital Report Totals-** Diane Scrimshire seconded Linda Parker motion for the Board to accept the 66 obituary deaths for the month of October.
- **Voter Registrar Disqualifications-** Background check policy for the Muscogee County Deputy Registrar Program. This discussion was tabled and a policy will be presented to the Board on the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Old Business:**

- **Precincts-2024-Discussion-** (See Relocation Options Handout) Director Nancy Boren will look at Wynnton Hill Church and Mt. Zion both located on Buena Vista Rd. Options 2&3 are eliminated from consideration.
- **Homeland Security Assessment Report-** The report has been sent to the city attorney and can be provided to the board in an executive session as it is not subject to disclosure under OCGA 50-18-72 (a)(25).

**Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items:** No public comments.

**Correspondence:** N/A

No further business Vice-Chair, Uhland Roberts, adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Uhland Roberts  
Vice-Chairperson





# Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Item #3.

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Assessor

Kathy J. Jones  
Assessor

Todd A. Hammonds  
Assessor

Trey Carmack  
Vice Chairman

Chief Appraiser  
Suzanne Widenhouse

## MINUTES #41-23

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

### PRESENT ARE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Jones motions to accept agenda. Assessor Hammonds seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Assessor Hammonds motions to accept minutes as presented. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

MISCELLANEOUS: Chief Appraiser Widenhouse reminds the Board that the last meetings for this year will be on Dec 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. Due to holidays, there will be no meeting on Dec 25<sup>th</sup> or Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. The first meeting of 2024 will be held on Jan 8<sup>th</sup>.

At 9:05, Gerald Mitchell with the Chamber of Commerce & Rob McKenna with the Development Authority, entered meeting to discuss the bond letter for Pratt & Whitney. There was much discussion with board Atty Greg Ellington and the board. No signed agreement was reached today. Mr. Mitchell & Mr. McKenna will revise some forms and get clarification on some questions and return to the board at a later date. They left the meeting at 9:55.

At 10:21, Administrative Division Manager Leilani Floyd presents to the Board:

- Appeal Certifications – Placed into record.
- Homesteads – Signed & Approved.

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- Late Appeals, Value Change for Commercial Division – # 043 002 042 Vice Chairman Carmack motions to take no action. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

At 10:38, Residential Property Manager Paul Borst presents to the Board:

- BOE Results – Placed into record.
- #111 001 015 – Vice Chairman Carmack motions for a settlement conference. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

At 10:54, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Non-Disclosure Requests – Signed & Approved.
- Map Splits - #017021004; 007; 008; 009; 010; 193001051 – Signed & Approved.
- # 193001002 pulled due to a CUVA breach.

At 11:02, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:


- Exemption Amounts 2024 – Placed into record.
- Public Utilities – Assessor Sandifer Hicks motions to accept values. Assessor Hammonds seconds and the motion carries. Forms were signed by Chairman Govar.

At 11:14, Chairman Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse  
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

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

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J. GOVAR  
CHAIRMAN

*in late*  
L. SANDIFER HICKS  
ASSESSOR

*in late*  
K. JONES  
ASSESSOR

  
T.A. HAMMONDS  
ASSESSOR

  
T. CARMACK  
VICE CHAIRMAN



# Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Vice Chairman

Chief Appraiser  
Suzanne Widenhouse

## MINUTES #42-23

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

### PRESENT ARE:

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

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

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

The scheduled taxpayer failed to show for her appointment with the Board.

At 9:14, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Executive Session Legal: At 9:48, Executive Session ends. Vice Chairman Carmack motions to accept and execute Tax Agreement letter which allows depreciation. Assessor Hammonds seconds and the motion carries. Board would like to set up a work session for end of January.

At 9:50, Administrative Division Manager Leilani Floyd presents to the Board:

- Homesteads – Signed & Approved.
- Appeal Certification – placed into record.

At 10:05, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- 2024 Mobile Home Digest – Signed & Approved.

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At 10:10, Chief Appraiser Widenhouse presents for Residential Division to the Board:

- A2 & A4 Agendas Missed Appeals – Signed and Approved.

At 10:16, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- BOE Results – placed into record.
- Motor Vehicle Appeal – Signed & Approved.

At 10:20, Commercial Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- BOE Results – placed into record.
- Waiver & Release Missed Appeals – Signed & Approved.

At 10:31, Board goes into second Executive Session – at 10:55, Executive Session ends and Vice Chairman Carmack motions to move to Settlement Conference. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

At 10:58, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - #018 009 004A; 005;181 022 025; 027 thru 044 – Signed & Approved.

At 11:00, Chairman Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse  
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

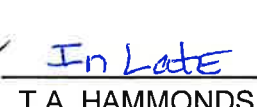
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APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
J. GOVAR  
CHAIRMAN

  
L. SANDIFER HICKS  
ASSESSOR

  
K. JONES  
ASSESSOR

 In Late  
T.A. HAMMONDS  
ASSESSOR

  
T. CARMACK  
VICE CHAIRMAN



# Columbus Water Works

Item #3.

*Serving our Community  
Protecting the Environment*

**December 11, 2023**

This is a summary of items acted on during the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners of Columbus, Georgia, held at our Main Office, Chattahoochee Room. It was on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. Chairman Rodney Close took the roll call and the following Commissioners were present:

Rodney Close, Chairman  
Wes Kelley  
Jennifer Upshaw  
Nick Smith  
Mayor Skip Henderson

Chairman Close welcomed new Board member Nick Smith to the Board. Also, Chairman Close suggested nominating him as the next Vice Chairman of the Board. The Board approved.

Receipt of the Minutes from November 13, 2023, was presented to the Board. The Board approved.

The Financial Report for November, including Ft. Moore, was provided to the Board. The Board approved the Financial Report.

The Financial Audit for FY 2022-2023 was provided to the Board. The Board approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Carl Robertson, Secretary



## COLUMBUS CIVIC CENTER & COLUMBUS ICE RINK ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**NOVEMBER 16, 2023**

Chairman:	Jack Rosenhammer
Interim Director:	Lisa Goodwin (absent)
Managers Present:	Jennifer McVay, Troy Vanerson, Kanise Wiggins, Valencia Evans, Detrevious Thomas, Nixon Patterson, Jennifer Babin
Members Present:	Johnson Trawick, Katie Bishop, Charles Huff Jr., Terrance Little, Daniel Woodward, Jacob Greer,
Members Absent:	Gregory Blue (excused), Jessica Hergott (excused), Orrin Hergott (excused), Jenny Teague,

Chairman: Jack Rosenhammer called meeting to order at 10:14am  
September 2023, minutes approved.

- Jack- Introduced the new Marketing Manager, Jennifer Babin.
- Jack- thanked everyone for coming and stated this meeting was important and time changes should not be requested – he stated more importance should be placed on the Advisory Board meetings.
- Jack stated Mrs. Goodwin is obviously wearing too many hats and not making this meeting important – as to why the Director position should be filled as well.

### **Assistant Director/Marketing Manager: Kanise Wiggins:**

- Discussed the Event Boots & Brews. Katie stated we should not have the country event within a 90–120-day window of other major events going on in the city.
- Katie stated she hosted Rush South and Spookfest took place the same day at the Civic Center. She stated the CC should consider other events taking place in the city.
- Katie asked for access to view our booking software, Kanise stated we will provide them with a calendar of upcoming events but explained there are some events on our calendar that aren't contracted therefore we can't prematurely announce them.

### **Jennifer McVay: Finance:**

- Expense reports were sent to everyone. If you have questions, I'll be happy to answer them.
- Jack requested an update on the chiller, roof, and HVAC. Jennifer stated we would not be able to answer financial questions at this time. Mrs. Goodwin had scheduled guest for the meeting and they could not make this time and the board did not want to change the time to accommodate them.
- Daniel ask if we were all aware that they had signed nondisclosures that said they kept all the information to themselves.
- Jack ask if he could ask about the New Director update. Kanise stated it would be a question best answered by Mrs. Goodwin.
- Daniel stated that there were multiple people interviewed over the last 12 months and then made it down to the top 3 candidates. 1 was chosen that fell through. How much interaction have you had with number 2 or 3? Generally, if number 1 doesn't work you move on to the 2<sup>nd</sup> person that has already

been approved through the process. Jennifer stated again the question would need to be answered by Mrs. Goodwin. Daniel stated he would like this answer in writing.

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The next meeting is Scheduled for February 15, 2024, 10:00am Civic Center Hospitality Suites. In keeping with the intent of Ordinance NO.01-77 in which states the Board Shall Meet on a Quarterly basis.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rae McConnell*

Rae McConnell, Board Secretary

Meeting adjourned at 10:57am

## Exhibit A

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA  
November 2, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Heath Schondelmayer, Selvin Hollingsworth, Charles Ray Sheffield, Travis Chambers, Geniece Granville, Laura Gower

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Dallis Copeland

ALSO PRESENT: Jerald Mitchell, Joe Sanders, Rob McKenna, Heather Chason, Tracey Herring, Fady Mansour, Christy Bozeman, Katie Quackenbush, Jennifer Bickerstaff, Matt Sellers, Bobby Andrews, Pam Hodge, Brian Sillitto

The meeting was called to order by Heath Schondelmayer.

I. WELCOME

- A. October 5, 2023 Minutes - **Having been distributed prior to the meeting and upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Laura Gower, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the October 5, 2023 meeting attached as "Exhibit A."**

II. AUDIT REPORT

- A. Bobby Andrews and Matt Sellers presented the audit report – Bobby reported that the audit resulted in no findings. He commented on strategy for balancing governmental and nonprofit accounting between the Development Authority and Columbus Economic Development Corporation. He reviewed the schedule of operations, statement of income, and balance sheet. Bobby also discussed details of the notes on receivables, accounting policies, investments, and debts. Matt Sellers elaborated on previous and current challenges with balancing intercompany between both organizations.

III. FINANCES

- A. October Financial Update – Joe Sanders commented on several line items on the Balance Sheet and Income Statement to include expected revenue from the City, consulting fees, and robotics expenses. **Upon motion by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Charles Ray Sheffield the Authority unanimously approved the October 2023 Financial Reports attached as "Exhibit B."**

IV. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- A. Jerald Mitchell presents an Economic Development snapshot. He reported the following:
- Jerald recapped strategic and pipeline goals. He also commented on challenges with competitive infrastructure, the availability of property assets, and current project sectors.
  - Jerald reported on recent economic development activity and news including recent site visits and current proposals, advancing site development at Muscogee Technology Park, Pratt & Whitney's groundbreaking with the Governor's attendance, AUSA Robotics Conference, and a visit from Statewide Project Managers.
  - Jerald discussed Chamber branding initiatives to amplify messaging around economic development through media and magazine features. He commented on the significance of Georgia being named the #1 state to do business for the tenth year in a row. Discussion over the increase and impact of social media activity and developing talent attraction campaigns. Heath Schondelmayer commended Katie Quackenbush on her work with marketing and increasing messaging with Choose Columbus.
  - Jerald provided a workforce development snapshot by recapping the success of hosting the Local Opportunities for Today and Tomorrow (LOTT) expo, and the PIE kickoff event called Trailblazers for Tomorrow. Jerald elaborated on the impacts of both events to help combat workforce struggles and supporting industry partners.



## Exhibit A

- Jerald reported on upcoming Small Business events including the upcoming Fourth Quarter Small Business roundtable with Mayor Henderson and a Small Business Connections Networking Tour. Jerald commented on closing out the ARP program.
- Jerald reported on Government Affairs regarding the upcoming tax study commission, Hub Chamber Council meeting, the elected official's reception, and hosting Governor Kemp, Lt. Governor Jones, and John King. He elaborated on the importance of engagement to defend tax programs that affect small businesses and economic development.

V. CHAMBER REPORT

- A. Jerald reported on executed and upcoming sponsorships including the RushSouth Music Festival, He mentioned the upcoming Business After Hours, Chamber 101, and Health and Wellness summit.

VI. CITY REPORT

- A. Pam Hodge provided updates on Parcel 16 site status, submitting a request to the Development Authority regarding returning property for City use, a new City Cemetery, and judicial center developments. Discussion over marketing progress and future developments as a result of SPLOST and TSPLOST projects.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing significant to report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Brian Sillitto reported on the expiration of the maintenance contract for Corporate Ridge and MTP. Heath suggested conducting an internal audit to develop recommendations on improvements and maintenance plans.
- B. Selvin Hollingsworth mentioned the upcoming Police Chief Conference in January. Discussion over strategy to capitalize on the opportunity to engage with visitors.

IX. LEGAL ISSUES

- A. Rob McKenna reported on the requested extension of the sublease from Waggoner to Georgia Power. **Upon motion by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Geniece Granville, the Authority unanimously approved the Sublease Extension from Waggoner to Georgia Power.**
- B. Rob McKenna reported on the termination of TSYS bond for 9 Corporate Ridge to transfer the property back to TSYS. **Upon motion by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Charles Ray Sheffield, the Authority unanimously approved the Termination of TSYS Bond.**
- C. Rob McKenna reported on the approval of the CHIPS4CHIPS MOU between the City, Development Authority, and United Way. **Upon motion by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Geniece Granville, the Authority unanimously approved the CHIPS4CHIPS MOU.**

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive session called.

XI. MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business the Authority was declared adjourned by the Chairman.



Heath Schondelmayer, Chairman



Selvin Hollingsworth, Vice Chair



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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## Planning Advisory Commission

July 19, 2023

### MINUTES

A meeting of the Planning Advisory Commission was held Wednesday, July 19, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Citizen Service Center.

#### Commissioners Present:

**Chairperson:** Larry Derby  
**Vice Chairperson:** James Dudley  
**Commissioners:** Brad Baker, Ralph King, Patricia Weekley, Gloria Thomas  
**Virtually:**  
**Absent:** Xavier McCaskey, Patrick Steed

**Staff Members:** John Renfro, Assistant Planning Director  
Morgan Shepard, Principal Planner

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. He explained the rezoning process to the audience.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chairperson asked for a motion on the minutes. Chairperson made a motion to submit the minutes as accepted. No changes or additions by other commissioners. Motion carries, minutes accepted.

1. **REZN-05-23-0974:** A request for a text amendment to the UDO Table of Permitted Uses (Table 3.1.1). Proposed amendment is to allow a Tattoo and Body Piercing Shop be located in Uptown (UPT) zoning district as a Special Exception use. Kasey McGrath is the applicant.

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

#### Staff Report REZN-05-23-0974 Text Amendment Change to the UDO

A 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 UPT zoning district.

UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE REVISIONS  
(Explanation of Revisions)

1. **Explanation of Revisions:** Amend Table 3.1.1 by adding Tattoo and Body Piercing Shop as a Special Exception Use in the UPT 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					P					

Kasey McGrath, 2609 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the applicant, addressed the Commissioners. She stated this use would be a great addition to the growing arts community in the Uptown district.

Commissioner Weekley asked how many employees are expected and what the hours are.

Ms. McGrath responded two at first with the potential for four and the hours would be 10 A.M. to 7 P.M.

Commissioner Thomas asked if that was Monday through Saturday.

Ms. McGrath responded yes.

Robert Jenkins, 912 Fortson Road, the property owner, addressed the Commissioners in favor of the request. He owns several additional properties in the area, he has noticed vacancies and problems of homelessness. He wants to get a good business in the location. He stated a lot of people were interested in leasing the property and he chose Ms. McGrath.

Commissioner King moved to approve the proposed Text Amendment and Commissioner Dudley seconded; Case is approved (6-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

2. **EXCP-05-23-0881:** A request for special exception use located at 221 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Current zoning is Uptown (UPT). The proposed use is a Tattoo Studio. Amy D Gill is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 7 (Cogle).

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

Kasey McGrath has submitted an application for the Special Exception Use cited above. The property is located in the Uptown (UPT) zoning district. The site for the proposed tattoo studio is located at 221 9<sup>th</sup> Street. The purpose of the Special Exception Use is to allow for the operation of a tattoo studio within the Uptown (UPT) zoning district.

**(1) Access: Is or will the type of street providing access to the use be adequate to serve the proposed special exception use?**

9<sup>th</sup> Street is a three-lane local street. There are no traffic counts or trip generator details available.

**(2) Traffic and Pedestrian Safety : Is or will access into and out of the property be adequate to provide for traffic and pedestrian safety, the anticipated volume of the traffic flow, and access by emergency vehicles?**

Access is adequate, parking is available on both sides of 9th street and along 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

**(3) Adequacy of Public Facilities: Are or will public facilities such as school, water, or sewer utilities and police and fire protection be adequate to serve the special exception use?**

Services such as water, utilities, police, and fire protection are adequate.

**(4) Protection from Adverse Affects: Are or will refuse, service, parking and loading areas on the property be located or screened to protect other properties in the area from such adverse effects as noise, light, glare or odor?**

The property is surrounded by Uptown (UPT) zoning district. Noise, light, glare and odor should be limited due to the nature of the business.

**(5) Hours of Operation: Will the hours and manner of operation of the special exception use have no adverse effects on other properties in the area?**

The business is appointment only during the hours of 10 AM to 7 PM.

**(6) Compatibility: Will the height, size, or location of the buildings or other structures on the property be compatible with the height, size, character, or location of buildings or other structures on neighboring properties?**

The tattoo studio will operate out of the existing building.

**Council District:** District 7 (Cogle)

**Twenty-nine (29)** property owners within 300 feet of the property have been notified by mail of the proposed Special Exception Use. The Planning Department received two call and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

**Approval:** 0 Responses

**Opposition:** 2 Responses

**Additional Information:** REZN-05-23-0974 is a text amendment request to allow a tattoo studio in the Uptown (UPT) zoning district. A tattoo studio is only permitted in General Commercial (GC) zoning district.

Ms. Shepard stated the calls received in opposition did not feel the use would be appropriate for the area.

Commissioner King moved to approve the proposed Special Exception and Commissioner Dudley seconded; Case is approved (6-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

- 3. REZN-06-23-0111:** A request to rezone 0.90 acres of land located at 119 Bascom Court. Current zoning is Residential Office (RO). Proposed zoning is General Commercial (GC). The proposed use is Office/Warehouse. Sam Hewitt is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 2 (Davis).

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

<b>Applicant:</b>	Sam Hewitt
<b>Owner:</b>	Sam Hewitt
<b>Location:</b>	119 Bascom Court
<b>Parcel:</b>	073-027-003
<b>Acreage:</b>	0.90 Acres
<b>Current Zoning Classification:</b>	Residential Office (RO)
<b>Proposed Zoning Classification:</b>	General Commercial (GC)
<b>Current Use of Property:</b>	General Commercial
<b>Proposed Use of Property:</b>	Office/Warehouse
<b>General Land Use:</b>	Inconsistent Planning Area A
<b>Current Land Use Designation:</b>	General Commercial
<b>Future Land Use Designation:</b>	Mixed Use
<b>Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:</b>	No
<b>Environmental Impacts:</b>	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.
<b>City Services:</b>	Property is served by all city services.
<b>Traffic Impact:</b>	Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will decrease by 34 trips if used for warehouse use.

<b>Traffic Engineering:</b>	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.	
<b>School Impact:</b>	N/A	
<b>Buffer Requirement:</b>	The site shall include a Category C buffer for all property lines in which <u>GC is bordered by the RMF1 and SFR1</u> zoning district. The 3 options under Category C are:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>20 feet</b> with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.</li> <li>2) <b>10 feet</b> with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.</li> <li>3) <b>30 feet</b> undisturbed natural buffer.</li> </ol>	
<b>Fort Benning's Recommendation:</b>	N/A	
<b>DRI Recommendation:</b>	N/A	
<b>Surrounding Zoning:</b>	<b>North</b> <b>South</b> <b>East</b> <b>West</b>	Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Residential Office (RO) Residential Office (RO) Single Family Residential – 1 (SFR1)
<b>Attitude of Property Owners:</b>	<b>Thirteen (13)</b> property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.	
<b>Approval</b> <b>Opposition</b>		<b>0 Responses</b> <b>4 Responses</b>

Ms. Shepard summarized the concerns from the neighboring property owners in opposition. The concerns were the inconsistency of a warehouse in a professional office park, the appearance of the proposed building, how it would be used, and how it would be maintained. The neighboring business owners feel this is an inappropriate use in this location.

Rodney Milner, Columbus, Georgia, addressed the Commissioners on behalf of the applicant.

He stated he sold the property to Sam Hewitt to build a warehouse for him to store the vehicles used for his business.

Commissioner King asked what the business would be.

Mr. Milner stated a tree service business. The warehouse would hold the crane trucks and other work vehicles. His current building is not tall enough.

Commissioner Dudley asked staff, although the applicant does not want to conduct business there, if the zoning were changed to General Commercial a future tenant could conduct business there.

Ms. Shepard responded any use permitted under General Commercial could be conducted there, if rezoned.

Mr. Milner stated it wouldn't be a metal building. There would be a façade that conforms to the covenants of the property and would meet all the setbacks.

Commissioner King moved to approve the proposed Rezoning and Commissioner Baker seconded; Case is approved (6-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

**4. REZN-06-23-0160:** A request to rezone 4.03 acres of land located at 3610/3744 Woodruff Road. Current zoning is Neighborhood Commercial (NC). Proposed zoning is General Commercial (GC). The proposed use is Medical Office. Jill W King is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 8 (Garrett).

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

<b>Applicant:</b>	Jill W King
<b>Owner:</b>	Rosemont Shopping Center, Inc
<b>Location:</b>	3610 and 3744 Woodruff Road
<b>Parcel:</b>	187-001-020/21
<b>Acreage:</b>	4.03 Acres
<b>Current Zoning Classification:</b>	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
<b>Proposed Zoning Classification:</b>	General Commercial (GC)
<b>Current Use of Property:</b>	General Commercial
<b>Proposed Use of Property:</b>	Medical Office

<b>General Land Use:</b>	Consistent Planning Area D								
<b>Current Land Use Designation:</b>	General Commercial								
<b>Future Land Use Designation:</b>	Office/Professional								
<b>Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:</b>	Yes								
<b>Environmental Impacts:</b>	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.								
<b>City Services:</b>	Property is served by all city services.								
<b>Traffic Impact:</b>	Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will remain at 316 trips if used for medical use.								
<b>Traffic Engineering:</b>	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.								
<b>School Impact:</b>	N/A								
<b>Buffer Requirement:</b>	N/A								
<b>Fort Benning's Recommendation:</b>	N/A								
<b>DRI Recommendation:</b>	N/A								
<b>Surrounding Zoning:</b>	<table> <tr> <td><b>North</b></td><td>Neighborhood Commercial (NC)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>South</b></td><td>Neighborhood Commercial (NC)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>East</b></td><td>General Commercial (GC)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>West</b></td><td>Neighborhood Commercial (NC)</td></tr> </table>	<b>North</b>	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)	<b>South</b>	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)	<b>East</b>	General Commercial (GC)	<b>West</b>	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
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<b>South</b>	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)								
<b>East</b>	General Commercial (GC)								
<b>West</b>	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)								
<b>Attitude of Property Owners:</b>	<b>Thirty-four (34)</b> property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received one calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.								
<b>Approval</b>	<b>0 Responses</b>								
<b>Opposition</b>	<b>0 Responses</b>								



**Additional Information:**

The Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zoning district restricts building size to 5,000 square feet. The applicants are requesting a rezoning to utilize the building for medical offices that will be in excess of 5,000 square feet.

Sean Roberts, 5607 Whitesville Road, addressed the Commissioners on behalf of the applicant. The existing suites, which have been used for medical offices, are over 5,000 square feet. The new tenant will also utilize the space for medical offices. The rezoning would allow them to operate out of the existing space.

Commissioner Baker moved to approve the proposed Rezoning and Commissioner King seconded; Case is approved (6-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

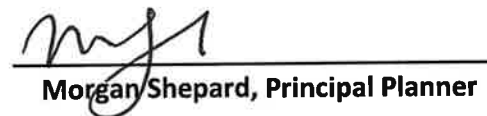
**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:21 A.M.

**RECORDING:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6iq1FhSJqU>



Larry Derby, Chairperson



Morgan Shepard, Principal Planner



**Planning Advisory Commission**

September 20, 2023

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Planning Advisory Commission was held Wednesday, September 20, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Citizen Service Center.

**Commissioners Present:**

**Chairperson:**

**Vice Chairperson:** James Dudley

**Commissioners:** Brad Baker, Ralph King, Patricia Weekley, Gloria Thomas, Xavier McCaskey, Patrick Steed, Rick Stallings

**Virtually:**

**Absent:** Larry Derby

**Staff Members:** John Renfroe, Assistant Planning Director  
Will Johnson, Planning Director

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. He explained the rezoning process to the audience.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Vice Chairperson asked for a motion on the minutes. Vice Chairperson made a motion to submit the minutes as accepted. No changes or additions by other commissioners. Motion carries, minutes accepted.

1. **REZN-08-23-0159:** A request to rezone 0.13 acres of land located at 3617 2nd Avenue. Current zoning is Residential Office (RO) zoning district. Proposed zoning is Single Family Residential - 4 (SFR4) zoning district. The proposed use is Single Family. Justin Krieg is the applicant. The property is located in Council District 8 (Garrett).

John Renfroe read the staff report.

**REZN-08-23-0159**

**Applicant:** Justin Krieg

**Owner:** Bibb City Lofts LLLP

<b>Location:</b>	3617 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue
<b>Parcel:</b>	008-009-010
<b>Acreage:</b>	0.13 Acres
<b>Current Zoning Classification:</b>	Residential Office
<b>Proposed Zoning Classification:</b>	Single Family Residential - 4
<b>Current Use of Property:</b>	Vacant
<b>Proposed Use of Property:</b>	Single Family Residential
<b>General Land Use:</b>	Inconsistent Planning Area F
<b>Current Land Use Designation:</b>	Single Family Residential
<b>Future Land Use Designation:</b>	Mixed Use
<b>Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:</b>	Yes
<b>Environmental Impacts:</b>	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.
<b>City Services:</b>	Property is served by all city services.
<b>Traffic Engineering:</b>	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.
<b>School Impact:</b>	N/A
<b>Buffer Requirement:</b>	<p>The site shall include a Category A buffer for all property lines bordered by the RO zoning district. The 3 options under Category A are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>5 feet</b> with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.</li> <li>2) <b>10 feet</b> with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.</li> <li>3) <b>20 feet</b> undisturbed natural buffer.</li> </ol>

**Fort Benning's Recommendation:** N/A

**DRI Recommendation:** N/A

<b>Surrounding Zoning:</b>	<b>North</b>	Residential Office (RO)
	<b>South</b>	Residential Office (RO)
	<b>East</b>	General Commercial (GC)
	<b>West</b>	Residential Office (RO)

**Attitude of Property Owners:** **Forty-three (43)** property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

<b>Approval</b>	<b>0 Responses</b>
<b>Opposition</b>	<b>0 Responses</b>

**Additional Information:** The applicant is requesting to rezone to build a single-family residence.

The applicant is requesting a ten-foot front yard setback be allowed. The minimum front yard setback in SFR4 is 20 feet. The purpose is for consistency with the neighboring houses.

Commissioner Dudley asked Staff to clarify if the properties to the south, zoned RO, are all homes.

Mr. Renfro stated they are and are grandfathered in.

Justin Krieg, 620 Front Avenue, the applicant, addressed the Commissioners. He stated he owns the development to the north and acquired this vacant lot. The previous owner demolished the house. Mr. Krieg stated he saved a shotgun house three blocks from this site that was going to be torn down and moved the house to the lot he owns. The owner of the house needed it to be moved immediately. Mr. Krieg stated he moved the house to the site with the understanding that if the rezoning were denied, the house would need to be moved. Mr. Krieg has requested a ten-foot front yard setback be allowed to align with the neighboring homes and preserve the mature trees in the rear yard.

Commissioner King asked what is proposed to the north of the property.

Mr. Krieg responded that directly north is a parking lot that serves the Bibb Office and Lofts.

Commissioner Dudley asked if there were any parking issues with that property.

Mr. Krieg responded no.

Commissioner Dudley asked if once they have approval, they will put down the foundation.

Mr. Krieg responded yes, that the house is on temporary beams.

Commissioner King moved to approve the proposed Rezoning with a ten-foot front yard setback and Commissioner Baker seconded; Case is approved (8-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

2. **REZN-09-23-0017:** A request for a text amendment to the UDO to clarify BHAR language in the UDO.

John Renfroe read the staff report.

## **REZN-09-23-0017**

### **Text Amendment Changes to the UDO**

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

#### **UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE REVISIONS (Explanation of Revisions)**

1. **Explanation of Revisions:** Amend Section 13.1.1 by amending the definition of Material Change in Appearance.

<b>ORIGINAL ORDINANCE</b>	<b>PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGE</b>
<p><b>Sec. 13.1.1. Definitions.</b></p> <p><b>Section 13.1.1</b></p> <p><i>Material changes in appearance</i> means a change that will affect the exterior architectural features or environmental features of a historic property or of any structure, site, or work of art within a historic district and may include any one or more of the following: (1) a reconstruction or alteration of the size, shape, or facade of a</p>	<p><b>Sec. 13.1.1. Definitions.</b></p> <p><b>Section 13.1.1</b></p> <p><i>Material changes in appearance</i> means a change that will affect the exterior architectural features or environmental features of a historic property or of any structure, site, or work of art within a historic district and may include any one or more of the following: (1) a reconstruction or alteration of the size, shape, or facade of a</p>

<p>historic property, including relocation of any doors or windows or removal or alteration of any architectural features, details, or elements; or (2) demolition of a historic property; or (3) commencement of excavation; or (4) a change in the location of advertising visible from the public right-of-way on any historic property; or (5) the erection, alteration, restoration, or removal of any building or other structures within designated historic district, including walls, fences, steps, pavements, driveways, trees or other appurtenant features, except exterior paint alterations.</p>	<p>historic property, including relocation of any doors or windows or removal or alteration of any architectural features, details, or elements, <u>excepting any painting of previously painted surfaces</u>; or (2) demolition of a historic property; or (3) commencement of excavation; or (4) a change in the location of advertising visible from the public right-of-way on any historic property; or (5) the erection, alteration, restoration, or removal of any building or other structures within designated historic district, including walls, fences, steps, pavements, driveways, trees or other appurtenant features, <u>excepting any painting of previously painted surfaces</u></p>
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Will Johnson addressed the Commissioners. He explained that there are no regulations on paint colors; but if a surface is unpainted and gets painted, that is a material change and needs BHAR approval.

Commissioner Dudley asked if BHAR agrees with this.

Mr. Johnson stated this text amendment is a request from BHAR.

Mr. Renfroe added this includes all structures, walls, fences, steps, and other apertures.

Commissioner Dudley clarified that if it is already painted, BHAR approval is not required.

Mr. Renfroe affirmed.

Commissioner Baker asked how this impacts new construction.

Mr. Johnson stated they would have to go through the BHAR process.

Commissioner Thomas asked if people were painting brick in historic districts.

Mr. Johnson stated there was a house that was natural brick, and it was painted which is a material change but there was no language in the UDO that required them to come into compliance with BHAR.

Commissioner Baker moved to approve the proposed Rezoning and Commissioner McCaskey seconded; Case is approved (8-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

**NEW BUSINESS:** The 2023 Update to the 2038 Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Johnson gave a presentation on the process, the items that require review, and the timeline.

Commissioner Dudley requested this be brought back to the Commissioners to vote on at the next meeting in order to allow for time to review the materials.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:21 A.M.

**RECORDING:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2EzSVm5TbFg>

  
Larry Derby, Chairperson

  
Morgan Shepard, Principal Planner



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**Planning Advisory Commission**

October 18, 2023

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Planning Advisory Commission was held Wednesday, October 18, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Citizen Service Center.

**Commissioners Present:**

**Chairperson:** Larry Derby  
**Vice Chairperson:** James Dudley  
**Commissioners:** Ralph King, Gloria Thomas, Rick Stallings  
**Virtually:**  
**Absent:** Patrick Steed, Xavier McCaskey, Patricia Weekley

**Staff Members:** John Renfro, Assistant Planning Director  
Morgan Shepard, Principal Planner

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. He explained the rezoning process to the audience.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chairperson asked for a motion on the minutes. Chairperson made a motion to submit the minutes as accepted. No changes or additions by other commissioners. Motion carries, minutes accepted.

1. **REZN-09-23-0171:** A request to rezone 0.40 acres of land located at 301 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Current zoning is Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) zoning district. Proposed zoning is Single Family Residential – 1 (SFR1). The proposed use is Single Family Residential. Amarjit Singh is the applicant. The property is located in Council District 8 (Garrett).

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

**REZN-09-23-0171**

**Applicant:** Amarjit Singh  
**Owner:** Amarjit Singh



<b>Location:</b>	301 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street
<b>Parcel:</b>	013-001-043
<b>Acreage:</b>	0.40 Acres
<b>Current Zoning Classification:</b>	Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)
<b>Proposed Zoning Classification:</b>	Single Family Residential – 1 (SFR1)
<b>Current Use of Property:</b>	Single Family Residential
<b>Proposed Use of Property:</b>	Single Family Residential
<b>General Land Use:</b>	Consistent Planning Area F
<b>Current Land Use Designation:</b>	Single Family Residential
<b>Future Land Use Designation:</b>	Single Family Residential
<b>Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:</b>	Yes
<b>Environmental Impacts:</b>	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.
<b>City Services:</b>	Property is served by all city services.
<b>Traffic Impact:</b>	Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will decrease by 2 trips if used for residential use. The Level of Service (LOS) will remain at level C.
<b>Traffic Engineering:</b>	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.
<b>School Impact:</b>	N/A
<b>Buffer Requirement:</b>	The site shall include a Category A buffer along all property lines bordered by the LMI zoning district. The 3 options under Category A are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>5 feet</b> with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.</li> <li>2) <b>10 feet</b> with a certain amount of shrubs /</li> </ol>

ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.

3) **20 feet** undisturbed natural buffer.

**Fort Benning's Recommendation:** N/A

**DRI Recommendation:** N/A

<b>Surrounding Zoning:</b>	<b>North</b>	Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)
	<b>South</b>	Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)
	<b>East</b>	Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)
	<b>West</b>	Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)

**Attitude of Property Owners:** **Fifty-three (53)** property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

<b>Approval</b>	<b>0 Responses</b>
<b>Opposition</b>	<b>0 Responses</b>

**Additional Information:** Property is legal nonconforming for residential use.

Ms. Shepard stated the applicant shared that the purpose of the rezoning was to allow for refinancing and loans at a lower interest rate. Industrially zoned properties have a higher interest rate and difficulties with refinancing. This is the applicant's residence, and they want to improve the existing house.

Commissioner Dudley asked if the whole block was non-conforming because they were grandfathered in residential.

Ms. Shepard responded yes, the east side of the street.

Commissioner King moved to approve the proposed Rezoning and Commissioner Dudley seconded; Case is approved (5-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ms. Shepard informed the Commissioners that at the next Planning Advisory Commission meeting, there would be an election for Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:06 A.M.

**RECORDING:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBluwYLQah0&t=1s>

  
Larry Derby, Chairperson

  
Morgan Shepard, Principal Planner



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## Planning Advisory Commission

November 1, 2023

### MINUTES

A meeting of the Planning Advisory Commission was held Wednesday, November 1, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Citizen Service Center.

#### Commissioners Present:

**Chairperson:** Ralph King (Acting)

**Vice Chairperson:**

**Commissioners:** Gloria Thomas, Rick Stallings, Patrick Steed, Xavier McCaskey, Patricia Weekley

**Virtually:**

**Absent:** Larry Derby, James Dudley

**Staff Members:** John Renfroe, Assistant Planning Director  
Morgan Shepard, Principal Planner

**CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. He explained the rezoning process to the audience.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Acting Chairperson asked for a motion on the minutes. Acting Chairperson made a motion to submit the minutes as accepted. No changes or additions by other commissioners. Motion carries, minutes accepted.

- 1. REZN-10-23-1964:** A request to rezone 0.51 acres of land located at 4070 Macon Road. Current zoning is Single Family Residential -2 (SFR2) zoning district. Proposed zoning is Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zoning district. The proposed use is Retail. Benjamin Foster is the applicant. The property is located in Council District 1 (Barnes).

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

### REZN-09-23-1964

**Applicant:** Benjamin Foster

**Owner:** Benjamin Foster

<b>Location:</b>	4070 Macon Road
<b>Parcel:</b>	085-051-014
<b>Acreage:</b>	0.51 Acres
<b>Current Zoning Classification:</b>	Single Family Residential - 2
<b>Proposed Zoning Classification:</b>	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
<b>Current Use of Property:</b>	Vacant
<b>Proposed Use of Property:</b>	Retail
<b>General Land Use:</b>	Consistent Planning Area E
<b>Current Land Use Designation:</b>	Single Family Residential
<b>Future Land Use Designation:</b>	Neighborhood Commercial
<b>Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:</b>	Yes
<b>Environmental Impacts:</b>	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.
<b>City Services:</b>	Property is served by all city services.
<b>Traffic Impact:</b>	Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will increase by 67 trips if used for commercial use.
<b>Traffic Engineering:</b>	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.
<b>School Impact:</b>	N/A
<b>Buffer Requirement:</b>	<p>The site shall include a Category C buffer along all property lines bordered by the SFR2 zoning district. The 3 options under Category A are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>20 feet</b> with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.</li> <li>2) <b>10 feet</b> with a certain amount of shrubs /</li> </ol>

ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.

3) **30 feet** undisturbed natural buffer.

<b>Surrounding Zoning:</b>	<b>North</b>	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
	<b>South</b>	Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2)
	<b>East</b>	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
	<b>West</b>	Residential Office (RO)

**Attitude of Property Owners:** **Fifteen (15)** property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

<b>Approval</b>	<b>0 Responses</b>
<b>Opposition</b>	<b>0 Responses</b>

Nixon Maxey, 1400 Wildwood Dr, addressed the Commissioners on behalf of the applicant. He stated the building will have two units, one for the owner and one for lease. The owner also owns the flower store next door and will use the additional space for setup and storage.

Mr. Baker confirmed no gas sales, just retail and asked if Engineering required a deceleration lane. Traffic can get packed up in that area.

Mr. Maxey responded just a retail store.

Ms. Shepard responded that Engineering did not state a deceleration lane would be required but at this stage there is only a site plan. For permitting, civil plans will be required and if Engineering deems it necessary after looking at detailed plans, the applicant will have to comply.

Mr. King asked if the building would be enlarged.

Mr. Maxey responded no; it would stay at 3,000 square feet.

Mr. McCaskey asked how traffic would be addressed getting in and out.

Ms. Shepard stated the project would have to meet Engineering standards.

Will Jones, 4048 Macon Road, addressed the Commissioners on behalf of Vance Funeral Home. He is concerned that if a deceleration lane is required it would be on their property. They have no issue with the type of business. His concerns were traffic and the deceleration lane.

Danny Holly, 14555 Hwy 219, addressed the Commissioners. He stated when the funeral home

next door was built, it had a deceleration lane. It would be very easy to continue the deceleration lane if required.

Ms. Thomas asked if the deceleration lane was required for the funeral home. Mr. Holly stated when he built the funeral home it was required.

Commissioner Baker moved to approve the proposed Rezoning and Commissioner McCaskey seconded; Case is approved (7-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ralph King was nominated to serve as Vice-Chairman and was approved unanimously. Larry Derby was nominated to serve as Chairman and was approved unanimously.

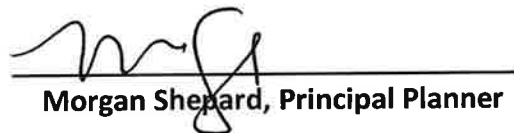
**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:13 A.M.

**RECORDING:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMxCgKJIV94&t=1s>



Larry Derby, Chairperson



Morgan Shepard, Principal Planner



**Planning Advisory Commission**

November 15, 2023

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Planning Advisory Commission was held Wednesday, November 15, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Citizen Service Center.

**Commissioners Present:**

**Chairperson:** Larry Derby  
**Vice Chairperson:** Ralph King  
**Commissioners:** Gloria Thomas, Rick Stallings, James Dudley  
**Absent:** Patrick Steed, Xavier McCaskey, Patricia Weekley

**Staff Members:** John Renfroe, Assistant Planning Director  
Morgan Shepard, Principal Planner

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. He explained the rezoning process to the audience. Chairperson noted the second agenda item has been withdrawn by the applicant.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chairperson asked for a motion on the minutes. Chairperson made a motion to submit the minutes as accepted. No changes or additions by other commissioners. Motion carries, minutes accepted.

1. **REZN-10-23-1989:** A request to rezone 0.62 acres of land located at 3914/3922 Buena Vista Road. Current zoning is Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zoning district. Proposed zoning is General Commercial (GC) zoning district. The proposed use is Convenience Store with Gas Sales. Surya Estate 5, LLC is the applicant. The property is located in Council District 1 (Barnes).

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

**REZN-10-23-1989**

**Applicant:** Surya Estate 6, LLC  
**Owner:** Surya Estate 6, LLC  
**Location:** 3914/3922 Buena Vista Road



<b>Parcel:</b>	087-028-007/8
<b>Acreage:</b>	0.62 Acres
<b>Current Zoning Classification:</b>	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
<b>Proposed Zoning Classification:</b>	General Commercial (GC)
<b>Current Use of Property:</b>	Vacant
<b>Proposed Use of Property:</b>	Convenience Store with Gas Sales
<b>General Land Use:</b>	Consistent Planning Area E
<b>Current Land Use Designation:</b>	General Commercial
<b>Future Land Use Designation:</b>	General Commercial
<b>Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:</b>	No
<b>Environmental Impacts:</b>	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.
<b>City Services:</b>	Property is served by all city services.
<b>Traffic Impact:</b>	Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will increase by 131 trips if used for commercial use.
<b>Traffic Engineering:</b>	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.
<b>School Impact:</b>	N/A
<b>Buffer Requirement:</b>	N/A
<b>Fort Benning's Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>DRI Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>Surrounding Zoning:</b>	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
<b>North</b>	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
<b>South</b>	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
<b>East</b>	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
<b>West</b>	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)

**Attitude of Property Owners:**

**Thirty-nine (39)** property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

<b>Approval</b>	<b>0 Responses</b>
<b>Opposition</b>	<b>0 Responses</b>

**Additional Information:**

The convenience store will be 3,325 square feet with four fuel pumps.

GDOT has acquired part of the property as part of the Diverging Diamond Interchange project including permanent easement, temporary easement and right-of-way. There are limited access rights on the property temporarily.

Commissioner Dudley asked for clarification on GDOT releasing control of the roads back to the city.

Ms. Shepard stated when GDOT is managing a project they temporarily own all the roads and property within the construction limits. When the project is finalized, the road is turned back over to the city.

Austin Gibson, 1111 Bay Avenue, approached the Commissioners, on behalf of the applicant. He presented a PowerPoint to discuss the request and illustrate what the applicant intends to build.

Commissioner Thomas asked if this property would just be a gas station only or would there be another business.

Mr. Gibson responded he believes so. The plan includes a 600 square foot attached building, but he thinks that will be the office or storage area.

Commissioner Stallings asked about buffers between the proposed gas station and the residence behind it.

Ms. Shepard stated there is no buffer requirement between GC and NC.

Mr. Gibson stated the properties directly behind the proposed gas station look like houses but are businesses.

Commissioner King moved to approve the proposed rezoning and Commissioner Stallings seconded; Case is approved (5-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

- 2. REZN-11-23-0218:** A request for a text amendment to amend Section 4.3.25 and Section 4.10.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) in regard to Electric Vehicles and Key Lock Boxes. The Planning Department is the applicant.

Morgan Shepard introduced John Shull, the Fire Marshal for the City of Columbus. Mr. Shull explained the requested text amendments and the purpose for the change.

The Planning Advisory Commissioners asked if the Key Lock Boxes would be required for new businesses only or existing, if churches would be included in businesses, what the cost would be, how the owner would be notified and if the size of the building mattered.

Mr. Shull responded he would like to see this become mandatory, regardless of building size for businesses, including churches and other buildings used for public assembly like schools. The cost is approximately \$900 for the business owner and if the Fire Department needed to access the building, dispatch would notify the point of contact for the building.

Commissioner King moved to approve the proposed Text Amendments and Commissioner Thomas seconded; Case is approved (5-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).


**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:31 A.M.

**RECORDING:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aH-F6CH7Pwc>

  
Larry Derby, Chairperson

  
Morgan Shepard, Principal Planner

**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
SUMMARY NOTES – NO MINUTES WERE TAKEN  
NO QUORUM  
May 27, 2020**

**Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hayden Barnes, Carl Brown, Sherisse Malone, Brantley Pittman, and Jay Wilkoff

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jeff Battles, Willie Dickerson

**VACANT POSITIONS:** District 1, District 3, District 6, and District 10

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Holli Browder, Quenton Brantley, Becky Glisson, Tommy Groce, Pam Lee, Carson Revell, Teresa Snellings, and Lauren Vance

A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held through a Microsoft Teams Meeting. Chairman Hayden Barnes was present and called the May 27, 2020 meeting to order at 12:05 pm. There was no quorum, therefore no votes or minutes were taken.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The board minutes from January 29, 2020, were not approved.

- A discussion was made about COVID-19 Revenue Losses and Budgetary Complications
- A discussion was made about Opening Playgrounds and Various Centers
- A discussion was made about Preparing for FY21 Budget
- A discussion was made about Impact on F/T and P/T Employees
- A discussion was made to continue a virtual meeting for the next Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

The next Recreation Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2020.

Discussion adjourned at 12:50 pm.

**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
July 29, 2020**

***PENDING BOARD APPROVAL***

**Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hayden Barnes, Carl Brown, Willie Dickerson, Sherisse Malone, Brantley Pittman, and Jay Wilkoff

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jeff Battles

**VACANT POSITIONS:** District 1, District 3, District 6, and District 10

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Holli Browder, Quenton Brantley, Becky Glisson, Tommy Groce, Pam Lee, Teresa Snellings, and Lauren Vance

A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held through a Microsoft Teams Meeting. Chairman Hayden Barnes was present and called the July 29, 2020 meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The board minutes from January 29, 2020, were approved.

**I. Director/Staff Update:**

○ **Holli Browder (Director):**

Director Browder gave updates on COVID-19 and how it is affecting the department, furloughs, and when and how employees can expect to begin work. There was discussion of the number of employees affected and if facilities could open to a limited capacity.

There was also an update on the new playgrounds built using the CDBG grant. The following playgrounds are now complete: Tillis, Cooper Creek, Rose Hill, Fluellen. Next will come Anderson Village and Ewart Park.

○ **Becky Glisson (Deputy Director):**

Deputy Director Glisson gave an update on facility openings/closures due to COVID-19:

Aquatic Center – Closed

Lake Oliver Marina – Open (Curbside Only)

Ma Rainey – By Appointment Only

Cooper Creek Tennis Center – Open

Recreation Centers, Senior Center, Britt David Pottery, and Therapeutics – Closed

**II. Board Updates:**

○ **Hayden Barnes:**

N/A

- **Carl Brown:**

N/A

- **Willie Dickerson:**

N/A

- **Sherisse Malone:**

N/A

- **Brantley Pittman:**

N/A

- **Jay Wilkoff:**

N/A

With no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned 12:33 pm.

Minutes recorded by the Board Secretary, Lauren Vance.

The next Recreation Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for September 30, 2020. It will be determined closer to time whether it will be held virtually or in person.

## RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

### **SUMMARY NOTES – NO MINUTES WERE TAKEN NO QUORUM**

**September 30, 2020**

#### **Microsoft Teams Meeting**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Willie Dickerson, Brantley Pittman, and Jay Wilkoff

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Hayden Barnes, Jeff Battles, Carl Brown, Sherisse Malone

**VACANT POSITIONS:** District 1, District 3, District 6, and District 10

#### **CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Holli Browder, Quenton Brantley, Becky Glisson, Tommy Groce, Pam Lee, Carson Revell, Teresa Snellings, and Lauren Vance

A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held through a Microsoft Teams Meeting. Chairman Hayden Barnes was not present, Director Holli Browder called the September 30, 2020 meeting to order at 12:05 pm. There was no quorum, therefore no votes or minutes were taken.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

The board minutes from July 29, 2020, were not approved.

- A discussion was made about COVID-19 updates, openings, and budgetary issues
- A discussion was made about delaying various centers and divisions
- A discussion was made about the Aquatic Center soft opening
- A discussion was made about Tillis updates

The next Recreation Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2020.

Discussion adjourned at 12:34 pm.

# RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

March 31, 2021

## PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

### Microsoft Teams Meeting

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeff Battles, Carl Brown, Rodney Lawrence, Sherisse Malone, Irene Pate, Brantley Pittman, and Ryan Stanford

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jay Wilkoff (attempted to log on and had computer trouble)

**VACANT POSITIONS:** District 1, District 3, and District 6

#### **CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Carly Bowles, Holli Browder, Becky Glisson, Tommy Groce, Teresa Snellings, Samantha Thies, and Lauren Vance

A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held through a Microsoft Teams Meeting. Director, Holli Browder was present and called the March 31, 2021 meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

The board minutes from July 29, 2020, were approved.

A motion was made and voted to have Irene Pate as the new Chair, replacing Hayden Barnes.

#### **I. Director/Staff Update:**

##### **o Carly Bowles (Aquatics Division Manager):**

N/A

##### **o Holli Browder (Director):**

Director Browder gave updates for all of the managers:

Introduction of staff.

Most divisions are re-opened, however still not at 100%.

Seniors and Boxing are closed.

Haygood Boxing Gym is getting a new roof.

Outdoor pools will re-open at limited capacity.

Summer Camp through Community Schools will begin registration soon.

Tillis Gym has received upgrades, new roof, paint, ADA compliant restrooms. Will be used as a Summer Camp site.



The department is looking at grant funding to repair restrooms in the parks.

The department submitted budget requests to the Mayor and City Manager.

The department is asking for capital equipment with Covid funds.

The department is asking for a mobile recreation vehicle with Covid funds.

○ **Becky Glisson (Deputy Director):**

N/A

○ **Tommy Groce (Park Services Division Manager):**

N/A

○ **Teresa Snellings (Recreation Services Division Manager):**

N/A

○ **Samantha Thies (Community Schools Division Manager):**

N/A

○ **Lauren Vance (Finance Manager):**

N/A

**II. Board Updates:**

○ **Jeff Battles:**

N/A

○ **Carl Brown:**

N/A

○ **Rodney Lawrence:**

N/A

○ **Sherisse Malone:**

N/A

○ **Irene Pate:**

Ms. Pate asked if there was a place in Flat Rock Park for mudding?

Director Browder answered. No, there is no mudding allowed in any of the parks. There is a new ordinance being brought to Council that no motorized vehicles are allowed in parks.

- **Brantley Pittman:**

N/A

- **Ryan Stanford:**

N/A

- **Jay Wilkoff:**

N/A

With no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned 1:10 pm.

Minutes recorded by the Board Secretary, Lauren Vance.

The next Recreation Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2021 via Microsoft Teams.

**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

**AUGUST 25, 2021**

**(PENDING BOARD APPROVAL)**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeff Battles, Carl Brown, Sherisse Malone, David Miles, Brantley Pittman, Ryan Stanford, Jay Wilkoff

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Irene Pate and Rodney Lawrence

**VACANT POSITIONS:**

District 1 and District 3

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Holli Browder, Becky Glisson, Teresa Snellings, and Carson Revell

A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, with the meeting being called to order by Holli Browder at 12:10.

**ROLL CALL WAS COMPLETED**

Holli gave a brief update as to Matt Lensch being new Aquatics Division Manager and stated his qualifications and how fortunate we are to have him. Also mentioned that Division Managers Tommy Groce and Samantha Thies could not be in attendance today.

**STAFF UPDATES:**

**Athletics: (Carson Revell)**

We started our adult softball league last week at South Commons. Our numbers have been a little lower due to Covid but are still holding steady.

We have the Carve/Spencer football game this weekend at Memorial Stadium. We have about 10 high school games in total.

Youth Sports have all finished registering and will start their seasons next month after Labor Day.

Cooper Creek Tennis Center is still very short staffed. We have done interviews but have not been able to get anyone hired. If you know anyone that is looking and would be a good fit at Cooper Creek, please let us know. We are short 6 total positions currently.

**Aquatics:**

Becky reported that Aquatics is very busy right now. We are currently working on high school season and getting those contracts done. Jeff is working on those with us. Participation is picking but up but still not where we need and want to be.

**Community Schools:**

Becky reported that Community Schools Division Manager, Sam Thies, has managed to acquire a few more after school programs that we had last year, and she is still working on those. She has been another great asset and it is going really well. We have several sites quarantined right now due to Covid, so Sam is working through those issues.

**Park Services:**

Becky wanted to let the board know that we are desperately short on equipment, resources, and staff. We have no trash truck drivers at all right now, we are not getting as many inmates as we used to and are not getting the same quality of inmates that we used to. Equipment and vehicles are poor to delapidated. So, trash is not being picked up to our normal standard, parks are not being cut as normal as well as other functions in the parks. It is not fault of the staff we have as they are doing their very best with what they have. Also explained that Public Works has contracted with a private vendor to help them with trash pickup but that does not include the parks. Tommy just wanted the board to be aware in case you receive any calls.

**Recreation (Teresa Snellings)**

Teresa shared that like other divisions, we are short staffed and face issues as well. The Recreation and Senior Centers are back open. Everyone is back open. We are still doing restrictions and or changes due to the Covid. We are still not providing access for people to just come sit around. Water fountains are still closed, and we are checking into water bottles stations. We are not letting as many people in as used to be. Masks are still required in all City buildings.

Britt David Studio is fully staffed, and they are operating as normal and doing fine.

Ma Rainey limits the number of visitors and it is doing okay as well.

We are down 20 staff and Teresa has gone to as many job fairs as she can to try to get staff and have not had any luck. Most people want full time and all of hers vacant positions are part time.

**Board members introduced themselves and their districts.****Holli Browder:**

Stated again that staffing is down. Teresa needs about 20. The facilities usually have 1 full time and 4 part time staff. Currently Teresa has 1 full time and 1 part time at each center. That should give you an indication of where we are now. She reiterated that Teresa cannot find people to interview.

In addition, Community Schools is suffering with not having enough staff and it is a huge problem. We need staff to keep our ratio which we always make sure that we stay within.

Other areas of concern with staff are as Carson said in Athletics and Cooper Creek.

Carver Park has been in the news recently more times than we would like. If you recall, we talked at last meeting about Carver Park being changed to close at 7pm. Even still we are finding that things are happening before those hours. This is not something that the department can do anything about as we do not have Park Rangers. We do work with the police department and the sheriff's department as much as possible, but we still see things that occur.

We work closely with the police department and the sheriff's department with cameras. Currently the department has 302 cameras. These are mostly in our recreation centers and facilities. We have a committee that has recently been formed that is looking at ways to improve camera systems and make sure the police department has access to those cameras.

We had originally decided to have the Veteran's Day and Christmas Parade. We are still planning on having them, but we are on hold right now to see what the Covid numbers will be. We usually have 15 to 30 thousand people in attendance at these parades so that would be a super spreader for the city. So, we will have to wait and see.

We told you guys last time that we would have some funds leftover from the budget. We should know that number in September and will let you know. It's trending in the million to the two-million-dollar mark that we did not spend.

As Teresa mentioned earlier, we are short on staff. So, we are not doing facility rentals. It is because of Covid but not because of Covid, not directly. We just have no staff and cannot cover the hours that we have.

We are running into issues with paint. Construction costs are at an all-time high. But field marking paint is hard to come by and if we get it, it is 6 times the normal cost. This will impact our budget. We will not do practice fields at this time and we are not doing as much as we used to.

Becky mentioned the problems we are having such as cutting the parks. Holli thinks she has mentioned this before, but we utilize inmates to cut our parks. Mentioned that we get anywhere from 4 to 18 where we used to get 40 to 60.

We have seen a huge rise in our employees quarantining as has several places around the city, community, and city employees.

On October 6<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our GRPA District Banquet here in Columbus. This board usually gets an invite so we will be sending those out soon. We usually have about 60 people attending this.

Later in November we will be hosting our statewide conference here. That is a bid process, and we were selected to be one of three cities that will now be on a rotating schedule to host

conference. Other two cities are Jekyll Island and Athens. People come in on Sunday and it ends on Thursday. 500 attendees are what we typically see.

In September we have a GRPA Board of Trustees meeting here in Columbus. This will be the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Usually around 40 people attend this one.

We found out towards the end of the summer out that our Therapeutic Section won a national award through the National Association of County Parks and Recreation Officials (NACPRO). It is called the "Removing Barrier Awards". They will go to Council to receive the award soon for their program called "Extraordinary News." The participants created their own news station.

Huge thank you to Sherisse for getting a complaint and answering it like she did. The complaint basically was about things that we could not do. She replied with funding, staffing, etc. and her email was perfect!

We are going for a SPLOST. City employees cannot advocate for or against it. If you guys could help with this, it would be great. Our portion would be about 48 million and the money would go towards a laundry list of things we need. We have identified several parks, Lakebottom, Theo McGhee, Benning Park, Cooper Creek, Woodruff Farm Soccer Complex as parks we would like to address in major ways. Carver Park is another one. In addition to that we would also like to rebuild the pools at Psalmond Road and Shirley Winston. We would like to add splash pads around the community. We also would like to address bathrooms, signage, trails, and miscellaneous receipts in the parks. That is the short version of what the 48 million would go to.

We have been working with Trees Columbus and Star Whitehouse (landscape architect firm) They are well known for doing Central Park and work out of Atlanta. We are working with them on Lakebottom first and then Theo McGhee. We put out a survey trying to get input. The last time they did a survey was in Roswell and they got a couple of hundred hits. We received 2400. So much so that we have had national organizations reach out to us as to how we got people to answer surveys. Of the 2400, 80 % answered every single question on the survey. It was a lengthy survey. We are in the process of working with Star Whitehouse to try to make some improvements. One is a connector for the Dragonfly trail so you can ride the trail all the way through. Midtown, Inc. is also working with us on this. Holli expanded on how this would work with this money and SPLOST money. Our SPLOST is tied to the new judicial building. If anyone wants more information, email her and she will send you the info.

Jay Wilkoff asked about the Plaque at Memorial Stadium. It is John House's project and Holli believes that Councilor House has found the funding and is working on the plaque. We will have a ceremony soon for it. Mr. Wilkoff inquired as to whether it would be standing or hung. Holli advised that she does not know what was decided. Holli said if it does hang it will be on the south side of the stadium. If it is going in the ground, it will be in the same south side to the left of the ticket booth. Holli further explained area that it would be put and had more discussion as to final decision not known at this time.

Brantley inquired about fountains in the parks. Holli explained that they are looking at it now. They would like to take away the fountains and put in bottle filling stations. Holli advises that

the fountains are all on or at least are in the process. Also inquired as to the bathrooms. Holli advised that the leagues open and close those and we do not. We keep them locked to try to keep down vandalism. Holli said for example the bathrooms at the skateboard park. They fixed them and the next week they had to fix them again and on and on. They tore out the whole commode. This is what happened to the bathroom under the bridge. Uptown controls that and keeps it closed except for large events.

Holli advised that 23<sup>rd</sup> Street bathrooms has been part of a land swap with the Housing Authority. As they do the new housing there, the 23<sup>rd</sup> street pavilion and bathroom will be closed. They will still have access to the Riverwalk but no bathrooms. They continually destroyed these bathrooms and was always used for homeless.

Brantley asked about the outsourcing of the trash pickup and would this include the parks. Holli advised that Public Works in the past three weeks has partnered with us and have loaned us an employee and have given us a truck. So, we were running two trucks and two drivers a few days a week. The plan is to ask for a new trash truck through the American Rescue Plan. When they do that, we have asked that their employee become a permanent employee of our department. We must pull someone to drive a trash truck. Not everyone in our department can drive one because not all have a CDL. It is very hard to find staff that have a CDL, so we can't just pull anyone to drive a trash truck and we do not have a driver in our department right now. More discussion held as to using other staff to drive the trash truck. It is a 7 day a week job and when we have an employee, they work 7 days a week.

Brantley inquired about the recreation centers being short staffed and questioned whether we had to shorten hours. Holli advised that we had to shorten the hours at all our facilities including the recreation centers. It was partially covid related and partially the staff. It is not because of covid numbers but due to not having staff during covid. So yes, we did have to adjust hours daily.

Teresa noted that we only close them one hour a day so that staff can sanitize the facilities. Holli added that we must maintain 29 hours for all part timers and if we work them over so many hours per year, we must pay them health insurance. So, we don't have any choice but to shorten hours. Question was asked can we not work them over 29 due to shortage and Holli advised that we could not do this due to federally having to consider them more than a part time employee. Holli further explained when this changed, how it changed and that if Teresa worked an employee for 40 hours one week, she would have to adjust the next week.

Brantley asked about the project to expand the cross park on the Riverwalk at 11<sup>th</sup> and Bay. Holli advised that It is where the down and back is. That part is being renovated and changed. We are hoping that the project wasn't going to be done soon because in the SPLOST, that is one of the first on the list. Holli explained how the SPLOST money worked and that the money would only be over a period of 10 years. So, we will not have to wait the 10 years on our projects. Once the money starts coming in. If things continue as they are right now, even though it is a pay as you go program, they don't believe it will take us the full 10 years to complete all projects. Holli doesn't think it will take the entire 10 years to get all the money. There are too many other departments that need the money as well. We have talked about

this and applying for additional grant funding that we might can do that because that is our most hated bathroom. The biggest thing will be, we would like to go into that new renovation and expansion. So, you can't see them now because the way they face.

The new format will be that the bathroom will be built on top and will face the CSU building. So, they can be watched. Other part is that we would no longer have sinks in the bathrooms. All the sinks will be built on the outside. The homeless use the sinks to take a bath and wash their clothes. So, the idea is to simply have them as restrooms and have the sinks elsewhere. Board member Stanford added that this is a trend in a lot of new facilities and parks. Holli answered that everything will be in stainless. Holli gave an example of how New Orleans uses all stainless and she has learned that it can all be torn up and vandalized. Our process will be that it will look like you are going into a prison cell. It will be as tough as we can get.

Holli shared that she was in California and few years and Colorado a couple of years ago and toured their restrooms to see what other people were doing. Holli mentioned several things that we would like to do such as make cards to get in, locks, etc. She is questioning other agencies as a director, what can she do about these issues? Holli shared different ideas she has as to replacing restrooms.

Holli added that Flatrock park is another on the list for bathrooms. Currently we are looking at different things to do with those. When you come into the park, the City owns the two buildings. We want to turn those into bathrooms. The park is nothing but rock and it does not have a sewer system. To do some of the things we want to do, it is rather costly because it is nothing but rock and would have to be drilled to do the things we want to do. So, we can take those buildings and make them restrooms. Holli asked explained what they are and talked about compostable restrooms. A lot of places put them in. We are trying to look at different things in Flatrock.

Brantley inquired as to what we are doing to get our employees vaccinated. Holli advised we have done some incentives such as giving employees time off to get vaccinated. We are giving employees half a day off next Friday to get vaccinated. We gave everyone time off if you got vaccinated. We gave them four hours off if they got vaccinated. We gave them umpteen chances to get vaccinated. We offered free clinics to get folks vaccinated. So, all our employees had plenty of opportunities to go. We are roughly 200 to 250 employees and we probably have around 30% of our employees vaccinated.

We are in a you state with a governor who is not a supporter of checking numbers or masks, etc. LSU Football rule is now that if you want to go to a football game, you must have a vaccination or a clean covid test done within 72 hours of coming to the game. There are some states that are going to that. So, to answer the question as to us trying to get our employees to get the vaccination, the answer is yes. We have done all we can feasibly do within our constraints.

David asked if there was somewhere that they could get the information for SPLOST so they can share it and show people why it would benefit Parks and Recreation. Holli advised that if you go to the City's website, it is on the main page. Everything that has been discussed by



department and by area is out there. It doesn't go into exact detail about what we are doing, it is just general information. Holli explained the information and what can and cannot be advertised. Holli also explained how we get input from the citizens as to what they want from us.

Board member asked about pickleball courts. Holli explained about the private funding we have received and the number of pickleball courts we want and extensive details about a holistic recreational facility. Such as shuffleboard, horseshoes, etc. We are also discussing different properties around the city as to where to put them. They are not all park properties, but they will be home to pickleball courts. We have always wanted pickleball and have tried for years. We just need the money to do it. We now have people in the community that want to help with pickleball. She really wants the facility to be more than a pickleball facility with other amenities. We must think about things in a way that we will have more than one thing. We don't have the money to do different things here and there so we will try to get them in one place.

Teresa also advised the board that we have pickleball courts inside at Carver Park and Northside Recreation Centers. They are not well used, and she is not sure how many citizens know about them, but this is a good place for them to play in the winter and when kids are in school.

Board member asked if the City is confident in the 48 million from SPLOST. Holli is not sure but shared that 48 million is just a drop in the bucket of what we need. We actually need the entire SPLOST. Our oldest recreation center is almost 80 years old, and our youngest will be 20 years old next year. Board member asked how about Comer's age and Holli advised that it was the one that was 80 years old. It was recently renovated and so was Tillis that is also one of our oldest. Comer doesn't get as much use as the other centers, so it is in much better shape. The others get a lot of use and are not in the best shape.

With a community as large as ours we should be putting money back into the rec centers. Jeff Battles can tell you and we really appreciate Jeff because he helps us out as much as he can on the school district side, but the school district gets all the money. They have built the new facilities such as schools, football fields, etc. and we have not been able to build anything new. We would like to redo our existing facilities. That's where we need the money. For example, Woodruff Park and Benning Park. Both of those facilities need to be enhanced so we can hold more tournaments for the city.

Jeff Battles commented on the dug outs and how they are in bad shape and Holli stated that some parents can help, and some cannot. So, some are in worse shape than others.

Board member stated that this board can promote the SPLOST for the department. This SPLOST will help us and our Parks and Recreation department in the long run. This board can sell those things and how it will help our families. Holli reiterated this and spoke about how people will come back to the parks if we are able to do these enhancements.

David mentioned that parks also bring revenue and quality of life issues for people coming into this city such as investors. Holli said it does and gave an example of Lakebottom and other

places and basically it is economic development, and the Chamber has been supportive to us as well because they know that quality of life brings economic development to the city. It will bring more business to Columbus and bring more businesses back.

Holli apologized for going over an hour but wanted to make sure the board was informed on everything going on in the department and appreciates the board coming and what they do for our department.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Minutes recorded by Becky Glisson.

## RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

### MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

**(PENDING BOARD APPROVAL)**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeff Battles, Carl Brown, Sherisse Malone, David Miles, Irene Pate, Ryan Stanford, Rodney Lawrence

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Lonnie Boyd, Jay Wilkoff, Brantley Pittman

#### **VACANT POSITIONS:**

District 3

#### **CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Holli Browder, Tommy Groce, Teresa Snellings, Carson Revell, Samantha Thies, and Ryan McCann

A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, with the meeting being called to order by Irene Pate at 12:06pm.

#### **ROLL CALL WAS COMPLETED by Ryan McCann**

Ms. Pate mentioned to the meeting attendees that Holli had received accolades from the National Recreational Professionals Association and was elected to be the president of the organization. Ms. Pate had previously emailed the advisory board members and staff in more detail and expressed her pride in Holli's accomplishments.

#### **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

Ms. Pate called for a vote to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken to ratify the minutes from the meeting held August 25, 2021. The vote was unanimous, 7-0, voting in favor of accepting the minutes as distributed.

#### **STAFF UPDATES:**

##### **Athletics- Includes Cooper Creek: (Carson Revell)**

No updates were provided

**Aquatics: (Matt Lensch)**

No updates were provided

**Community Schools: (Samantha Thies)**

No updates were provided

**Park Services- Includes Memorial Stadium and Golden Park: (Tommy Groce)**

No updates were provided

**Recreation Services- Includes Britt David and Lake Oliver: (Teresa Snellings)**

No updates were provided

**Director: (Holli Browder)**

Holli thanked Ms. Pate for her kind words and expanded on what was said to include her selection to a national conference of parks directors for which only 44 directors were invited to attend. With the best of the best in attendance Holli expects to come back with a multitude of new ideas that could be put to use in the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department. One such idea is the renovation of the bathrooms at Cooper Creek to include doors that would automatically close and lock during certain hours for security and the safety of patrons.

On Tuesday, September 28, council voted to continue to keep Carver Park closed for an additional 30 days following a shooting incident. This will allow more time to address possible preventive measures.

Parks and Recreation continues to suffer from a severe reduction in the number of inmates assigned to Park Services that help with the cleaning and grounds maintenance of all the parks. The number allotted has gone from 64 inmates to 10. This is causing a large backlog of work on the parks. Requests to increase hired staff to offset the loss of inmates has been previously denied by council if it can't be done in a budget-neutral manner. Budgets cuts in preceding years has not left Parks & Recreation with enough funding to hire staff in a budget-neutral manner.

Passing of the TSPLOST would have a huge financial impact on the department- \$48 million dollars is allocated for Parks & Recreation. The amount of work on the condition of parks would not be restricted to just the park projects listed in the actual proposal. They were unable to list all of what is intended due to the number of parks and projects planned.

Although the TSPLOST would be a 10-year tax proposal, Holli feels certain the impact to the city's parks structure would last 20 years past that. In addition to the parks improvements

under the TSPLOST, regional businesses and the economy in general would also benefit from the activity and financial inflow to the area.

Covid-19 protocols continue to impact area activities including the Spooktacular that Parks and Recreation was working on in conjunction with Uptown Columbus. It was determined that the largest demographic of Spooktacular participants would be children too young to be vaccinated and the risk to their health was too great a risk. As a result, the entire event was cancelled for 2021. Covid-19 concerns have also led to the cancellation of the Thanksgiving, Veteran's Day and Christmas parades due to the proximity of both the crowd and the float riders to one another.

After a meeting with the mayor, city manager and other city leadership, it was decided that park hours will remain the same. Covid-19 protocols are still in place at parks.

#### **Call for New Business; (Irene Pate)**

Carl Brown asked if Parks and Recreation had much influence on the decision to open or close Carver Park. Holli responded that the department did not have much influence.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 pm.

Minutes recorded by Ryan McCann.

**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

**November 17, 2021**

**(PENDING BOARD APPROVAL)**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeff Battles, David Miles, Irene Pate, Ryan Stanford, Brantley Pittman

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Lonnie Boyd, Carl Brown, Sherisse Malone, Jay Wilkoff, Rodney Lawrence

**VACANT POSITIONS:**

District 3

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Holli Browder, Becky Glisson, Tommy Groce, Carson Revell, Matt Lensch and Ryan McCann

A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 with the meeting being called to order by Irene Pate at 12:08pm.

**ROLL CALL WAS COMPLETED by Ryan McCann**

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

Ms. Pate called for a vote to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jeff Battles and a vote was taken to ratify the minutes from the meeting held September 29, 2021. The vote was unanimous, 5-0, voting in favor of accepting the minutes as distributed.

**STAFF UPDATES:**

**Aquatics (Matt Lensch):** Matt stated they are averaging 200-300 young swimmers from various schools and teams each evening at the Aquatics Center. They recently had a swim meet with 30 teams in it. Staffing shortages are still an issue

**Athletics- Includes Cooper Creek (Carson Revell):**

Registration for basketball is ongoing and they are hopeful for a good turnout this season.

**Community Schools (Samantha Thies):**

No updates were provided

**Park Services- Includes Memorial Stadium and Golden Park (Tommy Groce):**

GreenPower Racing events are coming soon. The junior division will be the first to meet. With the arrival of fall they have been able to start catching up on park clean-up, and landscaping. However, they are still very low on the personnel needed to do the clean-up. They are fielding a higher-than-normal number of citizen complaints about conditions.

Irene Pate asked if there was a program like the Adopt-a-highway program that we could use to help with the park clean-up. Holli responded that groups like the Chattahoochee River Conservancy might do a little to help. She has called on various civic groups over the years and the primary obstacle is the physical ability of group members to get out and help with clean-up. Brantley suggested looking into getting groups (like neighborhood HOA's) around certain parks to help since it is more of their local neighborhood community.

**Recreation Services- Includes Britt David and Lake Oliver (Teresa Snellings):**

No updates were provided

**Director (Holli Browder):**

Holli called on Becky Glisson to cover info from the staff meeting held earlier the same day. Becky said Community Schools had to cancel their fall camp because they only had 3 households sign up. They're hoping for an improvement in the next scheduled camp. The BOOST grant has been applied for. Columbus Parks & Recreation was asked to be one of the "monitor" agencies over the grant plan.

Teresa was absent from the RAB meeting because she was at the Help the Hooch meeting.

Irene asked if we were aware of the suspicious person that had been seen around Britt David Pottery Studio. Becky reported we were aware and that CPD was stepping up patrols as a result. Irene mentioned she felt the building was left too unsecured and it allowed for too free an access for unauthorized people.

Becky stated Teresa had been attending job fairs to try to recruit staff for her 100+ openings. Holli said staff shortages are an ongoing issue in Recreation Services and council is aware of the issue. Brantley asked if any of the current openings were for seasonal people that might not be needed in the fall/winter. Holli said they were year-round positions with the exception of sports officials that fluxed up and down based on the seasonal sports at the time.

Holli advised the board that Carver Park is still closed and there is no definite opening date. Security cameras are an ongoing concern city-wide and there is a bid process underway to address it on a city-wide level. P&R has a need for 300+ cameras by itself.

Holli thanked everyone for their support of the SPLOST. The \$48 million that P&R is slated to receive will be spread out over 10 years. Repairing/replacing pools is the top priority at the moment. Due to the deteriorated condition of many pools several structures will have to be demolished, but the buildings that can be saved and rehabilitated will remain. A more comprehensive plan will be worked on probably starting in January 2022.

Irene brought up the topic of holiday sales at the Britt David Gallery. She said she was approached by some members that wanted to advertise the sale on the Britt David Instagram account, but weren't sure what the rules were regarding this. **Holli requested Becky get with Teresa to find a definitive answer to the question.**

Brantley asked if there were any recruiting incentives offered to CCG employees to help recruit for the openings. Holli said she was aware that monetary offers could not be made, but there might be another way to incent employees for referrals. **She will speak to Human Resources and report back.**

Brantley asked if just new pools were the plan. Holli stated the current direction included a combination of splash pads and pools based on the community feed back around each pool area. Irene asked if the staffing requirements were the same for a splash pad and a typical pool. Holli responded that employees were needed at the splash pads to ensure chemicals were balanced correctly, but no actual lifeguards were needed if the deepest water was below a certain number of inches.

Brantley asked about the status of the restrooms located near the splash pad downtown and under the 14<sup>th</sup> Street pedestrian bridge. Holli indicated that although P&R owns the pedestrian bridge property, Uptown Columbus is the entity that opens and maintains those restrooms. Lack of attendants continues to be a reason the restrooms are closed so much. Holli went on to say CCG is looking at pre-fabricated restroom buildings that are designed to reduce the need for attendants and to prevent vandalism. Some features included stainless steel toilets, timed locking on the entry doors and automatic lighting with motion sensors to show when someone is inside, and exterior sinks so they can be seen by more people to prevent vandalism. Although they are typically more expensive they last longer and are less costly to repair over their life span.

Ryan Stanford mentioned the number of lights that are out on poles around Britt David Park. He said there are areas that several lights are out creating a dangerous dark spot for people walking in the evening. He wanted to know how to report them for repair. Tommy Groce responded that Georgia Power owns the poles the lights are on, but repairs are completed by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. He suspects that the repairs are done when a certain number of lights are out in a given area to reduce costs. The best way to report the outages is to get the pole number of the burned out light and contact Park Services who can forward the report. In the event the pole number is missing Park Services ties a ribbon around the pole to mark them. The repairs are usually done during the day so the burned out units are harder to spot unless they're marked.



**Call for New Business (Irene Pate):**

Ryan McCann brought up the issue from the agenda concerning attendance of members. He reported that the District 1 member, Lonnie Boyd had not attended a single meeting since his appointment to the RAB. Ryan has emailed and called Mr. Boyd numerous times regarding the RAB meetings with no response to any of the contact. Ryan advised the board the policy regarding attendance stated members could be removed from the board after missing 3 consecutive meetings and that Mr. Boyd's attendance fell into these guidelines. Irene Pate made a motion to vote to vacate Mr. Boyd's seat on the RAB. Brantley Pittman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 5-0 in favor of removing Mr. Boyd.

Ryan McCann advised the board that there were now two vacancies on the board from District 1 and District 3. **Ryan McCann will contact the clerk's office to advise them of the vacancies.**

**Adjournment:**

With no further discussion, David Miles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Irene Pate and the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 pm.

Minutes recorded by Ryan McCann.

NOTE: Items written in **RED** require follow-up by the party's as indicated in the narrative.

**File Attachments for Item:**

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

**CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

**Orrin Hergott**- Interested in serving another *(Mayor's Appointment)*  
(Columbus Hockey Assoc. Rep.)  
*Eligible to succeed*  
Term Expires: March 1, 2024

**Jed Harris, Jr.** *(Mayor's Appointment)*  
*Not Eligible to succeed*  
Term Expired: March 1, 2023

*These terms are three years. Meets quarterly.*

**Women: 3**

**Senatorial District 15: 8**

**Senatorial District 29: 5**

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

**Aaron Guest** *(Mayor's Appointment)*

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 1, 2024

**Merrill Rushin**

***(Mayor's Appointment)***

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 1, 2024

**Akear Mewborn (Vacant)**

***(Mayor's Appointment)***

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expired: March 1, 2022

***The terms are four years. Board meets monthly.***

**Women: 7**

**Senatorial District 15: 7**

**Senatorial District 29: 4**

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

**HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:** Ms. Marjorie "Mollie" Smith, *as the Historic District Resident*, was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee)* Term expires: January 31, 2027

**TREE BOARD:** Mr. Clifton Ruehl was nominated to succeed Mr. Troy Keller for the *Educator Seat. (Councilor Cogle's nominee)* Term expires: December 31, 2026

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

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

**Charlotte Ingram-** Interested in serving another term (Council District 1- Barnes)

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**Tracy Belt-** Interested in serving another term (Council District 4-  
Tucker)

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**Michael L. Ernst** (Council District 5- Crabb)

*No longer a resident of District 5*

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**Mary B. Garcia** (Council District 7- Cogle)

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**Glenn Kyle Albright** (Council District 8- Garrett)

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**Mike Welch-** Interested in serving another term (Council District 9- Thomas)

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**Evan M. Collins** (Council District 10- Begly)

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**VACANT**

**(Council District 2- Davis)**

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**Virginia Dickerson**

**(Council District 3- Huff)**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**John Partin**

**(Council District 6- Allen)**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

*Mayor Pro Tem Allen is nominating Adrian Wade to succeed John Partin.*

*Councilor Crabbs is nominating Tollie Strode to fill the expiring term of Michael Ernst.*

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**PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

**Jennifer S. Upshaw (Vacant)**

**(Council District 5- Crabb)**

*Appointed to another board*

Term Expires: October 31, 2025

**David Rohwedder (Vacant)**

**(Council District 8- Garrett)**

*(Resigned)*

**Term Expires: October 31, 2026**

**Councilor Crabb is nominating Daniel Street, Jr. to fill the unexpired term of Jennifer S. Upshaw.**

**Councilor Garrett is nominating David Horiuchi to fill the unexpired term of David Rohwedder.**

*The terms are three years. Board meets monthly.*

**COUNCIL’S CONFIRMATION– RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ORGANIZATIONS / AGENCIES MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

**UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:**

**Ramon Brown**

**Open for Nominations**

**(Uptown Columbus Inc. Rep)**

**(Council’s Appointment)**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

**Term Expired: October 31, 2023**

**Uptown Columbus, Inc. is recommending Douglas L. Koppang to succeed Ramon Brown.**

*The term is three years. Board meets monthly.*

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

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:**

**Kathleen Mullins**- Interested in serving another term      Open for Nominations

*Eligible to succeed*      (Council's Appointment)

Term Expires: March 31, 2024

**Douglas M. Jefcoat**- Interested in serving another term      Open for  
Nominations

*Eligible to succeed*      (Council's Appointment)

Term Expires: March 31, 2024

**Tomeika Farley**      Open for Nominations

*Not Eligible to succeed*      (Council's Appointment)

Term Expires: March 31, 2024

*Councilor Crabb is re-nominating Kathleen Mullins and Douglas Jefcoat for another term of office.*

*The terms are three years. Meets monthly.*

**Women: 2**

**Senatorial District 15: 1**

**Senatorial District 29: 4**

**BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**Olive Vidal-Kendall**

**Open for Nominations**

*Eligible to succeed*

**(Council's Appointment)**

Term Expires: March 24, 2024

**Christopher Smith**

**Open for Nominations**

*Eligible to succeed*

**(Council's Appointment)**

Term Expires: March 24, 2024

***The terms are two years. Meets as needed.***

**Women: 2**

**Senatorial District 15: 2**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

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

**Pythias "Pete" Temesgen- Interested in serving another      **Open for Nominations****

*Eligible to succeed*

**(Council's Appointment)**

Term Expires: March 1, 2024

**Chie Canady- Interested in serving another**

**Open for Nominations**

*Eligible to succeed*

**(Council's Appointment)**

Term Expires: March 1, 2024

**Alia Teetshorn**

**Open for Nominations**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

**(Council's Appointment)**

Term Expires: March 1, 2024

***The terms are four years. Meets monthly.***



**Women: 2**

**Senatorial District 15: 1**

**Senatorial District 29: 4**

**HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:**

**Libby Smith**

**Open for Nominations**

**Historic District Resident**

**(Council's Appointment)**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: January 31, 2024

*The term is three years. Meets monthly.*

**Women: 5**

**Senatorial District 15: 9**

**Senatorial District 29: 2**

**PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

**Brad P. Baker- Interested in serving another term**

**Open for Nominations**

*Eligible to succeed*

**(Council's Appointment)**

Term Expires: March 31, 2024

**Patricia A. Weekley**

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expires: March 31, 2024

**Open for Nominations**

**(Council's Appointment)**

**James Dudley**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 31, 2024

**Open for Nominations**

**(Council's Appointment)**

*Councilor Davis is nominating Lakshmi Karthik to succeed Patricia A. Weekley.*

*Councilor Crabb is re-nominating Brad Baker for another term of office and nominating Michael Ernst to succeed James Dudley.*

*The terms are three years. Meets twice a month.*

**Women: 2**

**Senatorial District 15: 6**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

**TREE BOARD:**

**Frank Tommey**

*Residential Development Seat*

*Not eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: December 31, 2020

*The term is three years. Meets as needed.*

**Open for Nominations**

**(Council's Appointment)**

**Women: 7**

**Senatorial District 15: 5**

**Senatorial District 29: 6**

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

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

**A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

**Orrin Hergott**- Interested in serving another *(Mayor’s Appointment)*  
(Columbus Hockey Assoc. Rep.)  
*Eligible to succeed*  
Term Expires: March 1, 2024

**Jed Harris, Jr.** *(Mayor’s Appointment)*  
*Not Eligible to succeed*  
Term Expired: March 1, 2023

*These terms are three years. Meets quarterly.*

**Women: 3**

**Senatorial District 15: 8**

**Senatorial District 29: 5**

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

**Aaron Guest** *(Mayor’s Appointment)*  
*Eligible to succeed*  
Term Expires: March 1, 2024

**Merrill Rushin** *(Mayor’s Appointment)*  
*Eligible to succeed*  
Term Expires: March 1, 2024

**Akear Mewborn (Vacant)** *(Mayor’s Appointment)*  
*Does not desire reappointment*  
Term Expired: March 1, 2022

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**Women: 7**

**Senatorial District 15: 7**

**Senatorial District 29: 4**

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

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

A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

**Charlotte Ingram**- Interested in serving another term (Council District 1- Barnes)  
*Eligible to succeed*  
 Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**Tracy Belt**- Interested in serving another term (Council District 4- Tucker)  
*Eligible to succeed*  
 Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**Michael L. Ernst** (Council District 5- Crabb)  
*No longer a resident of District 5*  
 Term Expires: March 27, 2024

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*Eligible to succeed*  
 Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**Glenn Kyle Albright** (Council District 8- Garrett)

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**Mike Welch**- Interested in serving another term

**(Council District 9- Thomas)**

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Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**Evan M. Collins**

**(Council District 10- Begly)**

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Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**VACANT**

**(Council District 2- Davis)**

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**Virginia Dickerson**

**(Council District 3- Huff)**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**John Partin**

**(Council District 6- Allen)**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**Mayor Pro Tem Allen is nominating Adrian Wade to succeed John Partin.**

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## **B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

**Jennifer S. Upshaw (Vacant)**

**(Council District 5- Crabb)**

*Appointed to another board*

Term Expires: October 31, 2025

**David Rohwedder (Vacant)**

**(Council District 8- Garrett)**

*(Resigned)*

Term Expires: October 31, 2026

Councilor Crabb is nominating Daniel Street, Jr. to fill the unexpired term of Jennifer S. Upshaw.

Councilor Garrett is nominating David Horiuchi to fill the unexpired term of David Rohwedder.

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7. **COUNCIL'S CONFIRMATION- RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ORGANIZATIONS / AGENCIES MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. **UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:**

**Ramon Brown**

(Uptown Columbus Inc. Rep)

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: October 31, 2023

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)

Uptown Columbus, Inc. is recommending Douglas L. Koppang to succeed Ramon Brown.

*The term is three years. Board meets monthly.*

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

A. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:**

**Kathleen Mullins**- Interested in serving another term

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 31, 2024

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)

**Douglas M. Jefcoat**- Interested in serving another term

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 31, 2024

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)

**Tomeika Farley**

Open for Nominations

Not Eligible to succeed

(Council's Appointment)

Term Expires: March 31, 2024

**Councilor Crabb is re-nominating Kathleen Mullins and Douglas Jefcoat for another term of office.**

*The terms are three years. Meets monthly.*

**Women: 2**

**Senatorial District 15: 1**

**Senatorial District 29: 4**

## **B. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**Olive Vidal-Kendall**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 24, 2024

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

**Christopher Smith**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 24, 2024

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

*The terms are two years. Meets as needed.*

**Women: 2**

**Senatorial District 15: 2**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

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

**Pythias "Pete" Temesgen**- Interested in serving another

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 1, 2024

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

**Chie Canady**- Interested in serving another

*Eligible to succeed*

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**



Term Expires: March 1, 2024

**Alia Teetshorn**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 1, 2024

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)

*The terms are four years. Meets monthly.*

**Women: 2**

**Senatorial District 15: 1**

**Senatorial District 29: 4**

**D. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:**

**Libby Smith**

**Historic District Resident**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: January 31, 2024

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)

*The term is three years. Meets monthly.*

**Women: 5**

**Senatorial District 15: 9**

**Senatorial District 29: 2**

**E. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

**Brad P. Baker**- Interested in serving another term

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 31, 2024

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)

**Patricia A. Weekley**

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expires: March 31, 2024

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)

**James Dudley***Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 31, 2024

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)**Councilor Davis is nominating Lakshmi Karthik to succeed Patricia A. Weekley.****Councilor Crabb is re-nominating Brad Baker for another term of office and nominating Michael Ernst to succeed James Dudley.***The terms are three years. Meets twice a month.***Women: 2****Senatorial District 15: 6****Senatorial District 29: 3****F. TREE BOARD:****Frank Tommey****Residential Development Seat***Not eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: December 31, 2020

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)*The term is three years. Meets as needed.***Women: 7****Senatorial District 15: 5****Senatorial District 29: 6**