

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

April 9, 2024
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Jason Wade of Wynnton United Methodist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the March 26, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. **Proclamation:** Arts & Culture Month

Receiving: Carrie Beth Wallace, The Columbusite, ArtFest Block Party

3. **Proclamation:** National Therapy Animal Day

Receiving: Angi Zapata, Pet Partners of Columbus

4. **Proclamation:** Child Abuse Prevention Month

Receiving: Margaret Koepfer, The Exchange Club

5. Proclamation commending the League of Women Voters of the Chattahoochee Valley and its election volunteers. Receiving - Jane Wilson

PRESENTATIONS:

6. Georgia General Assembly Post Legislative Update (Presented by State Senator Ed Harbison)
7. FY23 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) (Presented by David Irwin, External Auditors, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC)
8. Presentation of Professional Level Certified Emergency Manager Certification - GEMA Area Director Jason Ritter

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-24-0242: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6943 Flat Rock Road** (parcel # 109-001-109) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
2. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-24-0344: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1615 Wynnton Road** (parcel # 026-021-004) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)
3. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-24-0345: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; this amendment changes certain boundaries of a district located at **1000 Wynnton Road** (parcel # 018-018-004/5 and 019-004-001) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) and Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2) Zoning Districts (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)
4. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-24-0347: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4834 Warm Springs Road** (parcel # 082-044-007/8/8H/9, 083-012-002/4/5) from Single Family Residential -1 (SFR1) and Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning Districts to Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb)

5. 1st Reading- REZN-02-24-0349: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2911/3005/3007 3rd Avenue** (parcel # 007-003-007/012/013) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

6. 1st Reading- REZN-03-24-0476: An Ordinance amending the text of Chapters 7, 9, and 13 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

7. 1st Reading- An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:

1) **1655 Elvan Avenue** (Murtuza Ali Khan, Owner); 2) **2545 Pye Avenue** (Clark Property Management LLC, Owner); 3) **32 Woodland Circle** (Edna Anderson, Owner); 4) **2903 10th Avenue** (Dustin Cooper, Owner); and 5) **2409 Heard Street** (Estate of Catherine Greene, Owner);

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

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

1) **1118 Broadway** (Mary C Wohlwender, Owner)
2) **1120 Broadway** (Mary C Wohlwender, Owner)

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

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Patrick R. Davidge, Re: Illegal immigration City/County Policy.
2. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Charter of Columbus, Georgia.
3. Mr. Gregory Foster, representing Chatham Woods Subdivision, Re: Upcoming rezoning for 5201 Macon Road.
4. Mr. Edward Berry, representing Legitimation Station, Re: The purpose and mission of Legitimation Station.
5. Mr. Micah Asante, Re: A request to have the remaining balance of an invoice for EMS services waived.
6. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Responsible Representation.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Integrated Waste One Cart System

Approval is requested to implement the one-cart system effective July 1, 2024. The one-cart system is a method of collecting waste curbside with an automated collection system. The one-cart system provides a uniform collection process eliminating un-containerized waste. Implementing the one-cart system will eliminate ground trash, litter, and scavenging by varmints. Also, the system will streamline the collection process, improving the collection method's efficiency. This will improve the aesthetics of our community.

2. METRA's 2024 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

Approval is requested to submit the 2024 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP), and to implement this Safety Plan in compliance with federal requirements is also recommended.

3. FY 24 Local Road Assistance Administration Funds (LRA)

Approval is requested to submit an application and accept if awarded the FY24 Local Road Assistance Administration (LRA) in the amount of \$3,016,810.17 from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) with no local match required.

4. Georgia Recreation and Park Association (GRPA) New Initiative Grant: Youth 3D Program

Approval is requested to apply for a grant and, if awarded, accept a grant in the amount of \$1000.00 with no local match requirement. The funds will provide additional opportunities to expand and improve support for all students in the city's after-school programs and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

5. Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network BOOST Grant Summer 2024. "Building Opportunities for Out of School Time"

Approval is requested to apply for a grant and, if awarded, accept a grant valued at approximately \$60,000.00 or the amount awarded and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. The funds will assist the City in administering programs to keep youth productively engaged and off the streets during the summer break.

6. Donation Acceptance: Liberty Theatre Cultural Center

Approval is requested to accept one financial donation totaling \$5,000 given in support of the Liberty Theatre Cultural Center.

7. **PURCHASES**

- [A.](#) Steel Signal Strain Poles (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0017
- [B.](#) Solar-Powered Bus Stop Lights (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0025
- [C.](#) One (1) Low-Floor Paratransit Cutaway Bus – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- [D.](#) Two Variable Message Signs for the Civic Center – Federal GSA Cooperative Contract Purchase
- [E.](#) Comparison Microscope for Police Department – Federal GSA Cooperative Contract Purchase
- [F.](#) Mobile Trailer with High Resolution Camera for Engineering Department – Federal GSA Cooperative Contract Purchase
- [G.](#) Stryker Lifepak 15 Monitor Defibrillator and Accessories for Fire & EMS Department
- [H.](#) Fire Service Apparatus with Equipment for Fire & EMS – HGACBuy Cooperative Contract Purchase
- [I.](#) Microsoft Software Licensing Upgrade
- [J.](#) Amendment 17 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002
- [K.](#) Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) Project for Police Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

8. **UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- [A.](#) Cure Violence Financial Update - Reggie Lewis, Co-Founder/Executive Advisor
- [B.](#) Information Technology Update - Forrest Toelle, Director, Information Technology
- [C.](#) Enterprise Zone Update - Will Johnson, Director, Planning
- [D.](#) Homeowner Occupied Accessibility Rehab Program (HARP) Update - Rob Scott, Director, Community Reinvestment
- [E.](#) Critical Vacancies - Reather Hollowell, Director, Human Resources
- [F.](#) Golden Park Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code Enforcement
- [G.](#) Judicial Building Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code Enforcement

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: April 9, 2024

April 17, 2024

1. **Used Oil & Antifreeze Recycling Services (Annual Contract) Re-Bid – RFB No. 24-0031**

Scope of Bid

Vendor will pay a fee for the contractual right to remove and recycle used oil & antifreeze, at the following locations: 1011 Cusseta Road, 3950 Schatulga Road and 814 Linwood Blvd, Columbus, Georgia. The initial term of this contract shall be for three years, with the option to renew for two additional twelve-month periods.

2. **Interactive Flooring System – RFB No. 24-0034**

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (“the City”) is seeking bids from qualified vendors to provide two (2) immersive, educational and recreational projection flooring systems, to be used by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

May 1, 2024

1. **Bus Route Signs & Poles (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0036**

Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia is requesting bids for bus route signs and poles. METRA Transit System will purchase the signs and poles on an as-needed basis.

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

2. **Public Safety Uniforms (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0023**

Scope of Bid

Provide uniforms for Columbus Consolidated Government Public Safety Departments on an “as needed” basis.

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

3. **Swim Gear and Lifeguard Accessories (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0035**

Scope of Bid

Provide swim gear and lifeguard accessories on an “as needed” basis for the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) Department of Parks and Recreation, Aquatics Division.

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

May 3, 2024

1. Waste Collection Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0017

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus GA (the City) invites qualified offerors to submit proposals to provide weekly waste collection and disposal services, including all the necessary equipment and labor needed to collect and dispose of the following options:

Option A: Household Waste Option D: Bulk Waste Only

Option B: Yard Waste Only Option E: All Collection and Disposal Services

Option C: Recycling Collection

May 8, 2024

1. PI 0011436 Muscogee County Buena Vista Road Improvements at Spiderweb Phase II (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 24-0029

Scope of Bid

Phase II of the Buena Vista Road Improvements at the Spiderweb includes the construction of two (2) bridges, one (1) of which requires Norfolk Southern permitting; construction of a roundabout at Illges Road and Aceway Drive; construction of Buena Vista Road east of the intersection with Annette Avenue, Martin Luther King Boulevard north of Brewer Elementary School, Illges Road, Lindsay Drive, Andrews Road, Morris Road and Ace Way Drive, as well as the installation of traffic signals. This Re-Bid includes an alternative for maintaining traffic throughout construction and an alternative for complete closure.

Utilities were relocated in Phase I of the project. The Annette Ave. roundabout at MLK and Annette Ave. were constructed in Phase I.

REFERRALS:

[Referrals](#) 4.9.24

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. RESOLUTION – A resolution excusing Councilor Glenn Davis from the March 26, 2024 Council Meeting.

2. RESOLUTION – A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes from the April 9, 2024 Council Meeting.

3. Email Correspondence from Mr. Jack Hayes resigning from his seat on the Historic & Architectural Review Board.

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

Airport Commission, February 28, 2024

Board of Tax Assessors, # 07-24, # 08-24, # 09-24 and # 10-24

Columbus Golf Course Authority, February 27, 2024

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, February 21, 2024

BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:

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

A. **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Ms. Geniece Granville was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Thomas’ nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2028

B. **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Mr. Travis Chambers was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Thomas’ nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2028

C. **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Mr. Selvin Hollingsworth was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Thomas’ nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2028

D. **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Mr. Charles Sheffield was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Thomas’ nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2028

E. **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Mr. Doug Jenkins was nominated to succeed Mr. Heath Schondelmayer. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen’s nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2028

F. **PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:** Ms. Natalie McDowell was nominated to fill the expired term of Dr. Shanita Pettaway (*Resigned*) as Alternate Member 5. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen’s nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2025

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

A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

VACANT

Term Expired: March 27, 2024

(Council District 2- Davis)

Virginia Dickerson

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: March 27, 2024

(Council District 3- Huff)

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

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

A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:**

Dr. Jean Waguespack

Veterinarian Association Representative

(Seat declared vacant)

Term Expires: October 15, 2024

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

Dr. Scott McDermott

Veterinarian Association Representative

(Seat declared vacant)

Term Expires: October 15, 2025

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

B. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

Rev. Curtis West

Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Bd Rep.

No longer a resident of Muscogee County

Term Expired: January 31, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

In accordance with Ordinance 24-012, this seat is slated for a member serving on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board.

C. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Cynthia Williams Jordan

Seat declared vacant

Term Expires: November 14, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Nomination)

The following nominees would be forwarded to the Hospital Authority of Columbus: Mr. Darrell Floyd, Mr. Bob Jones and Mr. Tracy Sayers.

****The Council submits three (3) nominees to the Hospital Authority for each seat and the Hospital Authority selects the successor for Council's confirmation.***

The term is three years. Board meets monthly with the exception of November and December.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 3

D. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

Lee Jordan

(SD-29 Representative)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: June 30, 2023

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

VACANT

(SD-29 Representative)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

These are three-year terms. Meets every even month.

The Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission Director is recommending Ms. Taylor G. Martin to succeed Mr. Lee Jordan.

Women: 6

Senatorial District 15: 6

Senatorial District 29: 3

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File Attachments for Item:

1. Approval of minutes for the March 26, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

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

March 26, 2024
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

ABSENT: Councilor Glenn Davis was absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) 2024 National Community Development Week & Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Month Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Documents submitted by Pamela Moss, Re: South Commons; (2) Document submitted by Theresa El-Amin, Re: CPD Proposed Reorganization – Bureau of Investigations

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Dr. Delta Outley, Abundant Life Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

2. **Resolution (098-24):** A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia (the "Council"), approving Resolutions of the Columbus Building Authority (the "Authority"); authorizing the issuance of its Series 2024 Taxable Lease Revenue Bonds in accordance with a request of the Council contained in its Resolution No. 463-23; to approve the best bid for the Series 2024 Taxable Bonds; to authorize the Mayor to transfer property to the Authority and to execute the Lease; to authorize the Mayor and other officials of Columbus to take such further actions as are necessary to provide for the issuance and delivery of the Series 2024 Taxable Bonds; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried by a six-to-three vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, Begly, Garrett, Huff and Thomas voting in favor; Councilors Cogle, Crabb and Tucker voting in opposition, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. (Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative votes of Councilors Barnes and Begly.)

Mr. Doug Gebhardt, First Vice President of Public Finance, Davenport & Co., approached the rostrum to provide information on the proposed bond issuance. (*NOTE: This item was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Attorney’s Agenda Item 2*) He explained this request is for a bond issuance of \$50 million, with twenty-year final maturity, and annual payments of \$4.1 million starting in Fiscal Year 2026.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to respond to questions from Councilor Thomas. She explained the plan is to utilize OLOST Infrastructure Funds for the repayment of these bonds, with a commitment of not increasing the millage rate for repayment. However, she did advise that in future years, the Council may make a different decision.

MAYOR’S AGENDA (continued)

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the March 12, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. (*Clerk of Council Davis indicated to Mayor Henderson the affirmative votes of Councilors Barnes and Begly.*)

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. **Proclamation:** Pacelli State Championships

Receiving: Corry Black- Athletic Director, St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School

Councilor Tovia Tucker read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Saturday, March 2, 2024, as *Pacelli State Championship Day*, honoring the Pacelli High School Girls and Boys Basketball Teams for their many wins throughout the school year.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE MAYOR & CITY MANAGER:

- Get championship sign to Pacelli High School. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

NOTE: Councilor Barnes exited the meeting via teleconference at 5:47 p.m.

3. **Proclamation:** National Community Development Week & Community Development Block Grant Month

Receiving: Rob Scott, Community Development, CCG

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming April 1-5, 2024, as *National Community Development Week* and April 2024 as *Community Development Block Grant Month*, recognizing the Community Reinvestment Department.

Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott approached the rostrum to accept the proclamation and to provide a presentation. During the presentation, Director Scott shared information on the funding and partnership opportunities that are available through the Community Reinvestment Department. He also provided an update on CDBG Projects and upcoming ARP Projects.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCE

1. **Ordinance (24-015) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-11-23-0218: An ordinance amending the text of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to add a new Article X to Chapter 4 pertaining to Electric Vehicle Infrastructure. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis indicated to Mayor Henderson the affirmative vote of Councilor Begly.)*

RESOLUTIONS

3. **Resolution (099-24):** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of support for CHIPS4CHIPS, Inc. to compete for a United Way EDA Recompete Pilot Grant which will support the presence of a semi-conductor facility and its related supply chain in the Columbus Region (Request of Chattahoochee Hub for Innovation and Production of Semiconductors Inc. “CHIPS4CHIPS ”) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis announced that Councilor Barnes has exited the meeting by teleconference. She then confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Begly.)*

General (Ret.) Andy Hilmes approached the rostrum to answer questions by explaining the importance of procuring a transportation study/audit from an independent mass transit ridership and route selection consultant. He explained this study/audit would determine improvements to the public transportation system to reduce any transportation related employment barriers.

United Way President & CEO Ben Moser approached the rostrum to respond to questions from Councilor Thomas regarding the legislation passed recently. He shared all the support received to move the initiative forward.

NOTE: Councilor Begly exited the meeting via teleconference at 6:42 p.m.

PUBLIC AGENDA

2. Ms. Karen Gaskins, representing Sears Woods Subdivision, Re: Upcoming rezoning for 5201 Macon Road.
1. Mr. Keith Parker, representing Farmington Subdivision, Re: Upcoming rezoning for 5201 Macon Road.
3. Mr. George Mabry, representing Shenandoah Forrest Subdivision, Re: Upcoming rezoning for 5201 Macon Road.
4. Mr. Bryan Newman, representing Windtree Subdivision, Re: Upcoming rezoning for 5201 Macon Road.

- 5. Ms. Chloe Landreth, representing New Horizons Behavioral Health, Re: Gift to Council for Intellect and Developmental Disability Awareness Month.
- 6. Ms. Pamela Moss, Re: The removal of restrictions on South Commons.

Councilor Joanne Cogle stated for the record she does not support removing voter’s rights under any circumstances and feels this is something to look at going forward.

- 7. Mr. Gregory Foster, representing Chatham Woods Subdivision, Re: Upcoming rezoning for 5201 Macon Road. *Not Present*
- 8. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Murder Count and Child Poverty.
- 9. Ms. Debbie Wooten, representing Columbus Animal Allies, Re: Columbus Animal Control Felines.
- 10. Ms. Vicki L. Edwards, Re: Stricter laws for animals.
- 12. Ms. Kenya Peachey, Re: The current trash issues as a driver with Public Works.
- 11. Mrs. Sandy Gunnels, Re: The spread of Parvo.
- 13. Mr. Nathan Smith, Re: The previous meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Memorandum of Understanding with the Muscogee County School District

Resolution (100-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of a memorandum of understanding with the Muscogee County School District for the School Zone Automated Speed Enforcement Program and also authorize RedSpeed Georgia, LLA to serve as designated point of contact with the Georgia Department of Revenue for said program. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

NOTE: Clerk of Council Davis announced once again for the record that Councilor Barnes had previously exited the meeting by teleconference and also announced at this time that Councilor Begly has exited the meeting by teleconference.

2. Payments to Artists for the Sale of Goods

Resolution (101-24): A resolution authorizing a special exception to Columbus Code Section 19-36 (B) in order to process payments to artists for the sale of goods created at the Britt David Pottery Studio. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley stated they will also come back with an ordinance amendment to permanently address this issue.

3. American Rescue Plan (ARP) Affordable Housing Initiative Written Agreement Execution

Resolution (102-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of written agreements for the development of affordable housing funded through the American Rescue plan Act of 2021. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

4. Extension of the Subrecipient Agreement

Resolution (103-24): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to extend the subrecipient agreement with the Columbus Department of Public Health to fund the Cure Violence Columbus Initiative for an award amount up to \$500,000.00 to address community violence exacerbated by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garret and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley explained this resolution is extending the agreement between Columbus and Cure Violence. He stated Cure Violence has not expended the \$500,000.00 awarded to them and this resolution just allows them additional time to use the money awarded.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Provide the status of Cure Violence getting financial support from other organizations. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)

5. Street Acceptance- Garrett Pines

Resolution (104-24): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to that of Pine Tar Drive and that portion of Pine Straw Drive located in Section Nineteen, Garrett Pines, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

6. Street Acceptance – Riegel Pointe.

Resolution (105-24): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to Zachary Court and that portion of Woodstream Drive located in Phase 3 Riegel Pointe, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

7. FY2024 Exigent Vehicle Purchases

Resolution (106-24): A resolution authorizing, “off the lot” vehicle purchases, due to on-going supply chain issues, for vehicles that have been approved as part of the budget for FY 2024, with the exception of vehicles purchased using federal funds, that have been either directly awarded or passed through another entity to CCG. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

8. Little League Baseball Grants

Resolution (107-24): A resolution, whereas, at its Budget Review Session on May 16, 2023, Council voted to add \$100,000 to the FY2024 Parks & Recreation Budget for Parks Maintenance with the intent of assisting various sports leagues to improve and maintain their playing fields and facilities. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

9. SAMHSA Grant

Resolution (108-24): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit and if approved, accept a grant of \$2,000,000 or as otherwise awarded from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to fund the Adult Drug Court Project from September 30, 2024, through September 29, 2029 with no match requirement and also authorizing Dr. Andrew Cox as the sole provider for evaluation of the program and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the award amount. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

10. PURCHASES

- A. Additional Bulk Mailing Services for Various Departments – Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract

Resolution (109-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of bulk mailing services for various departments from RR Donnelley & Sons (Atlanta, GA) as an additional source for these services. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract 99999-001-SPD0000211-0003. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

- B. One (1) 2024 Ford F-350 Super Duty for the Public Works Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (110-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2024 Ford F-350 Super Duty for the Public Works Department from Allan Vigil Ford, Inc. (Morrow, GA) in the amount of \$64,290.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract 99999-SPD-ES40199373-002. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

- C. Auditing Services for HUD-Entitlement Funds for the Community Reinvestment Department – RFP No. 24-0014

Resolution (111-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with PJC Group, LLC (Atlanta, GA) for auditing services related to HUD-Entitlement Funds for the Community Reinvestment Department. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

D. Four (4) Double-Cab Service Trucks for the Public Works Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (112-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of four (4) Double Cab Service Trucks (2024 Chevy Silverado 2500HD Double Cab 2WD 8’ Bed Work Truck) for the Public Works Department from Alan Jay Fleet Group (Sebring, FL) at a unit price of \$60,787.00, and a total price of \$243,148.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #091521-NAF and #060920-NAF. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

E. Engineering Design Services for Resurfacing of Eight (8) Streets – RFQ No. 24-0001

Resolution (113-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with TTL, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) for preliminary and final design plans and environmental documentation for the resurfacing of approximately 11.10 miles of roads within Muscogee County. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

F. Genfare Software Support Agreement for METRA

Resolution (114-24): A resolution authorizing a three (3) year software support agreement with Genfare – a division of SPX Corporation (Elk Grove Village, IL) in the total amount of \$41,551.00; which includes the software license renewal in the amount of \$2,450.00, and annual software support to be paid as follows: Year 1 - \$12,650.00; Year 2 - \$13,030.00 and Year 3 - \$13,421.00. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

G. Upgrade/Purchase of Fast Fare Fareboxes for METRA

Resolution (115-24): A resolution authorizing the upgrade/purchase of twenty-six (26) fast fare fareboxes from Genfare – A division of SPX Corporation (Elk Grove Village, IL) in the amount of \$591,358.00. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

H. Farebox Vault Upgrade for METRA

Resolution (116-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of the upgrade to the Farebox Vault for Metra from Genfare – A division of SPX Corporation (Elk Grove Village, IL) in the total amount of \$54,800.86. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

I. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for METRA

Resolution (117-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of electric vehicle charging stations, during FY24 and FY25, from Georgia Power in the total amount of \$934,899.58. The charging stations will be placed at park and ride locations throughout the city. Councilor Tucker

made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

J. Arena Polar Deck for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (118-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of an arena deck for the Civic Center from Athletica Sport Systems, Inc. (Shakopee, MN) in the amount of \$173,812.50. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #120320-ATH. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

K. Telescopic Seating System for the Civic Center Arena Bowl – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (119-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of telescopic seating system for the Civic Center Arena Bowl from Hussey Seating (North Berwick, ME) in the amount of \$496,200.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #091719-HSC. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

L. Quote Adjustment for the Police Department’s Video Surveillance Project

Resolution (120-24): A resolution authorizing the quote adjustment for the Police Department’s Video Surveillance Project from the Flock Group, Inc. d/b/a Flock Safety (Atlanta, GA), in the amount of \$886,400.00. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

M. Installation of Wooden Poles and Power Supply for the Police Department’s License Plate Reader Camera Project

Resolution (121-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of installation services for nine (9) wooden poles and power supply from Georgia Power in the amount of \$30,609.00. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

N. Provision and Installation of Stadium Lighting at AJ McClung Stadium for Parks and Recreation – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (122-24): A resolution authorizing the provision and installation of stadium lighting at AJ McClung Stadium from Musco Sports Lighting, LLC (Oskaloosa, IA) in the amount of \$798,124.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041123-MSL. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

O. Three (3) Tahoes for Sheriff’s Office

Resolution (123-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of three (3) Chevrolet Tahoes from Brannen Emergency Vehicles (Unadilla, GA), in the amount of \$167,700.00, for the Sheriff’s Office. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

P. Print Shop Equipment – Omnia Partners Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (124-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of a RISO ComColor GL7430 Printer in the amount of \$77,000.00 and an imagePRESS V1000 Copier in the amount of \$622,436.20 from Canon Solutions America, Inc. (Montgomery, AL). The total amount is \$699,436.20 for Year 1, payable in twelve monthly installments of \$58,286.35. The cost for Years 2-5 will be in the annual amount of \$2,063.00. Year 6 and subsequent years will be in the annual amount of \$30,937.00. The excess per image charge will be \$0.00370 each for the RISO ComColor GL7430 Printer. The excess per image charges for the imagePRESS V1000 Copier will be \$0.0090 for black/white and \$0.03950 for color. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via OMNIA Partners Contract #FI-R0251-18. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

1. Three (3) Pursuit Vehicles for Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office

THREE (3) PURSUIT VEHICLES FOR MUSCOGEE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE:

On March 6, 2024, the Muscogee County Sheriff’s office notified the Finance Department and City Manager of the need to purchase three (3) pursuit vehicles required to carry out the functions of the Sheriff’s Office. The Sheriff cited the vehicles were desperately needed because there are deputies traveling daily across the state transporting juveniles and adults and few suitable vehicles are available. The Sheriff’s Office found available vehicles after several months of searching. Three (3) 2023 Dodge Truck Durango pursuit vehicles were purchased from Carville Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM (Greenville, TN) at a unit price of \$46,500.00 and a total price of \$139,500.00. The Sheriff’s Office located these vehicles that are available on the vendor’s lot.

The City Manager approved the emergency request on March 6, 2024.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Light Trucks - Heavy Equipment/Vehicles Public Works; 0567 – 696 – 3111 – STPS – 7722 – 54153 – 20240.

2. Two (2) Vehicles for Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office

TWO (2) VEHICLES FOR MUSCOGEE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE:

On March 6, 2024, the Muscogee County Sheriff’s office notified the Finance Department and City Manager of the need to purchase two (2) vehicles required to carry out the functions of the Sheriff’s Office. The Sheriff cited the vehicles were desperately needed because there are deputies traveling daily across the state transporting juveniles and adults and few suitable vehicles are available. The Sheriff’s Office found available vehicles after several months of searching.

Two vehicles were purchased from Headquarter Nissan of Columbus (Columbus, GA), one (1) 2023 Dodge Challenger at a unit price of \$49,500.00, and one (1) 2022 Dodge Charger at a unit price of \$43,732.00 for a total price of \$93, 232.00. The Sheriff’s Office located these vehicles that are available on the vendor’s lot.

The City Manager approved the emergency request on March 6, 2024.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Light Trucks - Heavy Equipment/Vehicles Public Works; 0567 – 696 – 3111 – STPS – 7722 – 54153 – 20240.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: March 26, 2024

March 29, 2024

1. Pre-Qualification for Storm Drain Rehabilitation through Internal Pipe Line Priority 1 Pipes Contract 6 – RFQ No. 24-0002

Scope of RFQ

Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) requests vendors to apply for pre-qualification to provide storm sewer rehabilitation through internal pipe lining. The *initial project* will include the installation of cured in-place pipe (CIPP) for approximately 5,100 feet of varying material type storm sewer pipe, ranging in size from 10-inch VCP to 60-inch CMP in diameter. Additionally, the project includes the installation of centrifugally cast cementitious or geopolymer lining (CC) for approximately 2,500 linear feet of storm sewer pipe varying in sizes and material type from 36-inch brick to 46- inch by 72-inch CMP, located throughout Columbus.

Contractors deemed prequalified by CCG will be requested to submit bids for the initial project as well as future projects for installation of CIPP or CC for rehabilitation of other portions of the storm sewer system. The length, diameter, and scope of CIPP or CC rehabilitation per Contract will be at the discretion of CCG. Minimally, CCG desires to qualify three (3) contractors.

April 3, 2024

1. Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap – RFB No. 24-0030

Scope of RFB

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is offering confiscated firearms for sale to a licensed firearms dealer who can issue a credit to purchase or swap for Rock River LE2020M rifles with accessories.

April 5, 2024

1. Lease of Ice Rink Pro Shop (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0024

Scope of RFP

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) seeks a qualified firm or individual to lease and operate the Ice Rink Pro Shop.

The lease term will be for one (1) year, with the option to renew for two (2) additional twelve-month periods.

2. Consultant for Grant Application and Construction Project Management Services – RFP No. 24-0026

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the “City”) is soliciting information about the feasibility of acquiring the services of a consultant (the “Vendor”) to develop an application for the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) 5339(b) Discretionary – Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program (or other available DOT/FTA competitive infrastructure grants for transit projects such as RAISE) on behalf of METRA Transit System (METRA).

The Vendor shall advise METRA on the best grant program to pursue given the nature of the project. METRA seeks to apply for federal funding in the amount of \$10,000,000 for transit campus construction, renovations, and expansion. In the event that this competitive grant is awarded to METRA, the Vendor will then serve in the role of construction management consultant for the proposed project. The intention is for a single consultant, if feasible, to guide METRA through the entire construction process.

If awarded, the consultant will work in conjunction with METRA, the Engineering Department, the Inspections and Code Department, and an architect firm (developing the site schematics) in developing specifications for the subsequent construction bid. The vendor will also ensure that the development process complies with federal regulations.

Please be advised that this is phase II of the initial RFI process (Phase I). METRA has decided to proceed with a solicitation based on the responses to the Request for Information (RFI). Phase II is the formal Request for Proposal (RFP) process to be administered in accordance with the procurement ordinance of the City and procurement procedures compliant with FTA C. 4220.1F and other applicable federal regulations.

May 8, 2024

1. PI 0011436 Muscogee County Buena Vista Road Improvements at Spiderweb Phase II (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 24-0029

Scope of Bid

Phase II of the Buena Vista Road Improvements at the Spiderweb includes the construction of two (2) bridges, one (1) of which requires Norfolk Southern permitting; construction of a roundabout at Illges Road and Aceway Drive; construction of Buena Vista Road east of the intersection with Annette Avenue, Martin Luther King Boulevard north of Brewer Elementary School, Illges Road, Lindsay Drive, Andrews Road, Morris Road and Ace Way Drive, as well as the installation of traffic signals. This Re-Bid includes an alternative for maintaining traffic throughout construction and an alternative for complete closure.

Utilities were relocated in Phase I of the project. The Annette Ave. roundabout at MLK and Annette Ave. were constructed in Phase I.

REFERRALS:

Referrals 3.12.24

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Email Correspondence from Contreana Pearson- Board Secretary, requesting that the seat of Dr. Jean Waguespack (*Veterinarian Seat*) on the Animal Control Advisory Board be declared vacant due to the lack of attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to declare the seat of Dr. Jean Waguespack as vacant, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

2. Email Correspondence from Contreana Pearson- Board Secretary, requesting that the seat of Dr. Scott McDermott (*Veterinarian Seat*) on the Animal Control Advisory Board be declared vacant due to the lack of attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to declare the seat of Dr. Scott McDermott as vacant, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven

members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis noted that with the vote to declare the two veterinarian seats vacant, this would mean that the Animal Control Advisory Board will not have a veterinarian serving on this board.

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

Animal Control Advisory Board, November 9, 2023 and January 18, 2024

Building Authority of Columbus, June 29 and October 25, 2022

Civic Center Advisory Board, February 15, 2024

Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority, December 14, 2023

Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board, November 15, 2023 and January 10, 2024

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

4. **MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT- ANY NOMINATION MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Linda Hadley (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2024, on the Housing Authority of Columbus (*Mayor’s Appointment*). Mayor Henderson renominated Dr. Linda Hadley to serve another term. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD: Ms. Ethelyn W. Riley was nominated to succeed Mr. Raymond Culpepper. (*Councilor Garrett’s nominee*) Term expires: April 11, 2026. Councilor Garrett made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

B. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD: Ms. Courtney Pierce (*PAWS Humane Society Representative*) was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Cogle’s nominee*) Term expires: April 11, 2026. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

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

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the seat of Mary B. Garcia (*Ineligible -city employee*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2024, as the District 7 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Council District 7- Cogle*). Councilor Cogle nominated Brandy Tolbert to succeed Mary B. Garcia as the District 7 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Board. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 2 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2024, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Council District 2- Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Virginia Dickerson (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2024, as the District 3 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Council District 3- Huff*). There were none.

7. COUNCIL’S CONFIRMATION – RECOMMENDATION FROM ORGANIZATIONS / AGENCIES:

A. UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Cesar Bautista (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term expiring on October 31, 2026, as the Uptown Business Improvement District Representative on the Uptown Facade Board (*Council’s Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis stated the Uptown Business Improvement District is recommending Rachel Kelly to fill the unexpired term of Cesar Bautista. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

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

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Rev. Curtis West (*No longer a resident of Muscogee County*) for a term that expired on January 31, 2024, as the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Bd Representative on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis advised this seat is slated for a member currently serving on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board, in accordance with Ordinance No. 24-012.

B. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Geniece Granville (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2024, on the Development Authority of Columbus (*Council’s Appointment*). Councilor Thomas renominated Geniece Granville to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Travis Chambers (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2024, on the Development Authority of Columbus (*Council’s Appointment*). Councilor Thomas renominated Travis Chambers to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Selvin Hollingsworth (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2024, on the Development Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Thomas renominated Selvin Hollingsworth to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Charles Sheffield (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2024, on the Development Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Thomas renominated Charles Sheffield to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Heath Schondelmayer (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2024, on the Development Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Doug Jenkins to succeed Heath Schondelmayer. Clerk of Council Davis stated that Councilor Davis is nominating Mr. Will White for this seat. Councilor Thomas advised that Councilor Davis was not present to make the nomination.

C. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Cynthia Williams Jordan (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term that expires on November 14, 2024, on the Hospital Authority of Columbus (*Council's Nomination*). There were none.

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

D. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Shanita Pettaway (*Resigned*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2022, as the Alternative Member 5 on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Natalie McDowell to fill the expired term of Dr. Shanita Pettaway.

PUBLIC AGENDA - Continued (3 Additional Minutes):

9. Ms. Debbie Wooten, representing Columbus Animal Allies, Re: Columbus Animal Control Felines.

11. Mrs. Sandy Gunnels, Re: The spread of Parvo.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel, litigation, and potential litigation as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Councilor Tucker made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting, and the time being 8:15 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:33 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of personnel, litigation, and potential litigation; however, there were no votes taken.

NOTE: At the time the meeting reconvened, Councilor Thomas had left the meeting.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

Resolution (125-24): A resolution whereas, the Columbus, Georgia Board of Tax Assessors and Elizabeth D. Heard have finalized a settlement agreement for the cases of Board of Tax Assessors v. Heard (SU 2023-CV-002485 and SU 2023-CV-001220) covering tax years 2021, 2022, and 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Barnes, Begly and Thomas being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the March 26, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Barnes, Begly and Thomas being absent for the vote, Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting, and the time being 9:35 p.m.

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

File Attachments for Item:

7. FY23 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) (Presented by David Irwin, External Auditors, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC)

Columbus Consolidated Government

Item #7.

Financial & Compliance Audit – June 30, 2023



Presented by:
David Irwin, CPA

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Purpose of Today's Presentation

- Overview of:
 - Independent Auditor's Report
 - Compliance Reports
 - Financial Statements
- Required Communications
- Answer Any Questions

Purpose of Financial Audit

- **Objective: Obtain reasonable assurance that F/S are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.**
- **Enhances the degree of confidence of intended users and readers of the financial statements (citizens, elected representatives, investors and creditors).**
- **Identify and assess risks of material misstatement and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Procedures include examining, on a test basis (audit sampling), evidence regarding amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.**

Audit Opinion

- **Columbus: responsible for financial statements.**
- **M&J: to express opinions.**
- **Auditing Standards = *Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Governmental Auditing Standards***
- **Financial Audit : Unmodified (Clean) Opinion**
 - **Highest level of Assurance**
 - **Financial Statements are fairly presented in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP**

Compliance Reports

Financial Report contains two (2) Compliance Reports:

- **Single Audit Report**
 - **Compliance audit**
 - **Required > \$750k in federal expenditures**
 - **Unmodified (Clean) Opinion**
- **Yellow Book Report**
 - **Report on Government's Internal Controls and Compliance**
 - **Not Intended to Provide an Opinion**
 - **One Material Weakness, No Significant Deficiencies Noted During Our Audit**

Overview of Financial Statements

- **Government prepares an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)**
- **ACFR goes above and beyond basic reporting requirements**
- **Submitted annually to Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)**
- **Government awarded ACFR Certificate for 33rd year in a row.**

Overview of Financial Statements

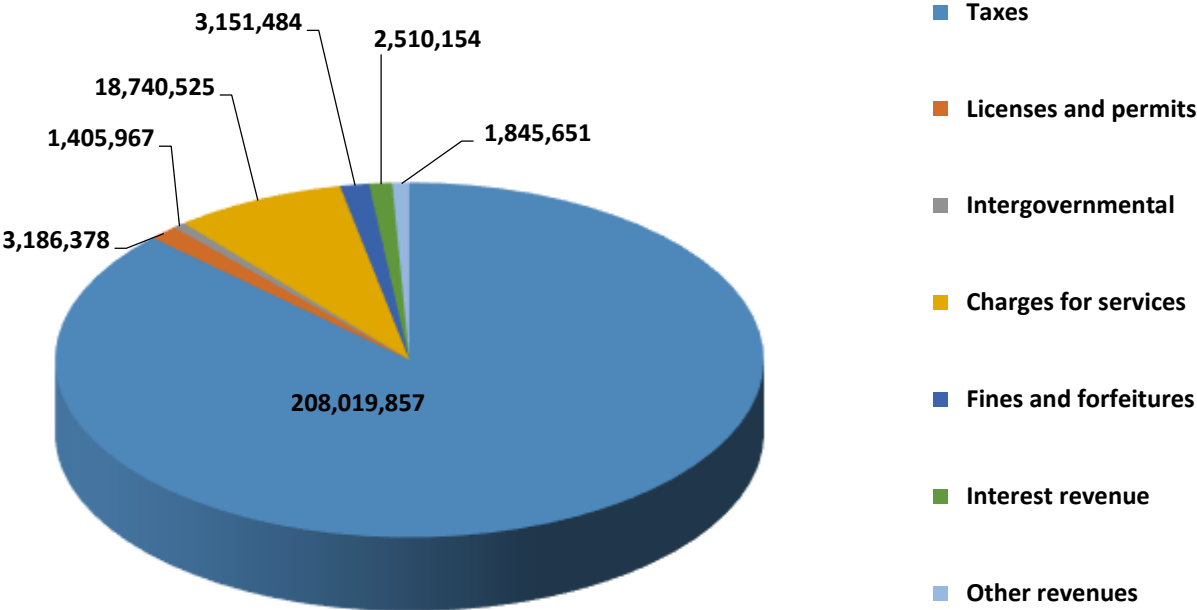
- **Management's Discussion & Analysis (MD&A)**
 - **Written by Management**
 - **Introduces and Summarizes Basic Financial Statements**
 - **Comparative Information**

- **Government's Financial Statements Include Three (3) Components**
 - **Government-Wide Financial Statements**
 - **Funds Financial Statements**
 - **Notes to the Financial Statements**

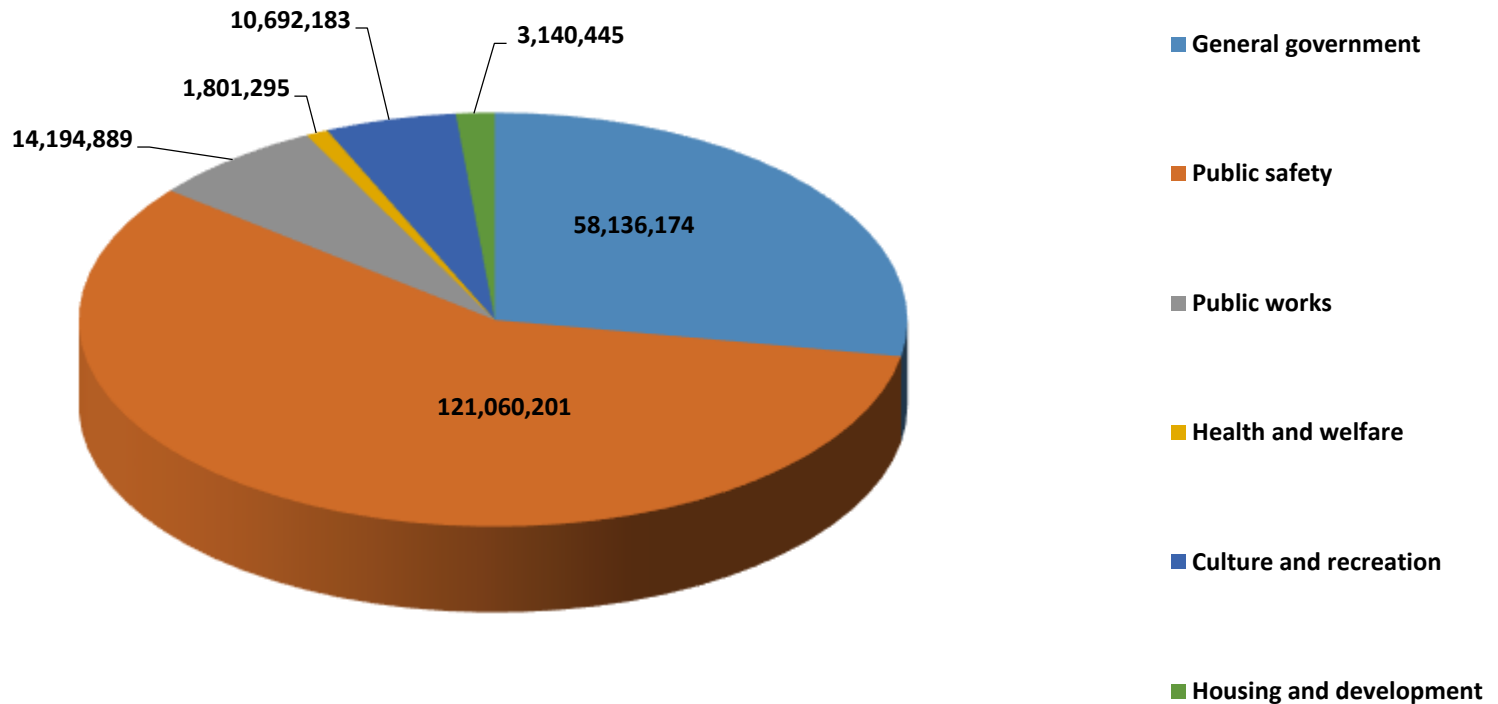
Government-Wide Financial Statements

	<u>Government</u>	+ <u>Comp Units</u>	+ <u>Fiduciaries</u>	= <u>Combined</u>
• Assets	\$1.3 billion	\$902 million	\$595 million	\$2.8 billion
• Capital Assets	\$592 million	\$648 million	Not Applicable	\$1.3 billion
• Liabilities	\$722 million	\$361 million	\$14 million	\$1.1 billion
• Net Position	\$547 million	\$541 million	\$581 million	\$1.7 billion
• Revenues	\$415 million	\$179 million	\$317 million	\$911 million
• Expenses	\$338 million	\$177 million	\$275 million	\$790 million
• Change	\$77 million	\$2 million	\$42 million	\$121 million

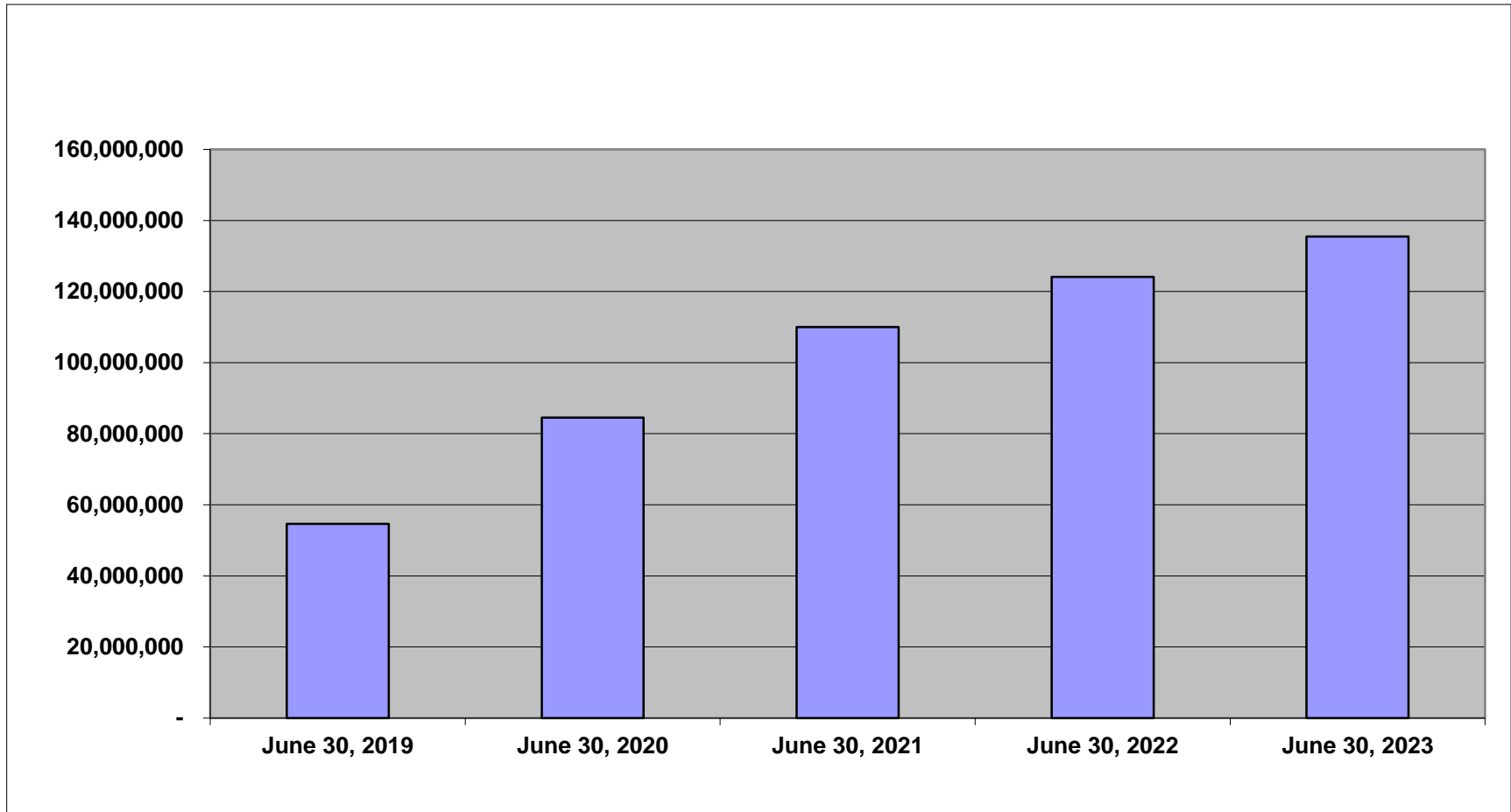
General Fund Revenues



General Fund Expenditures



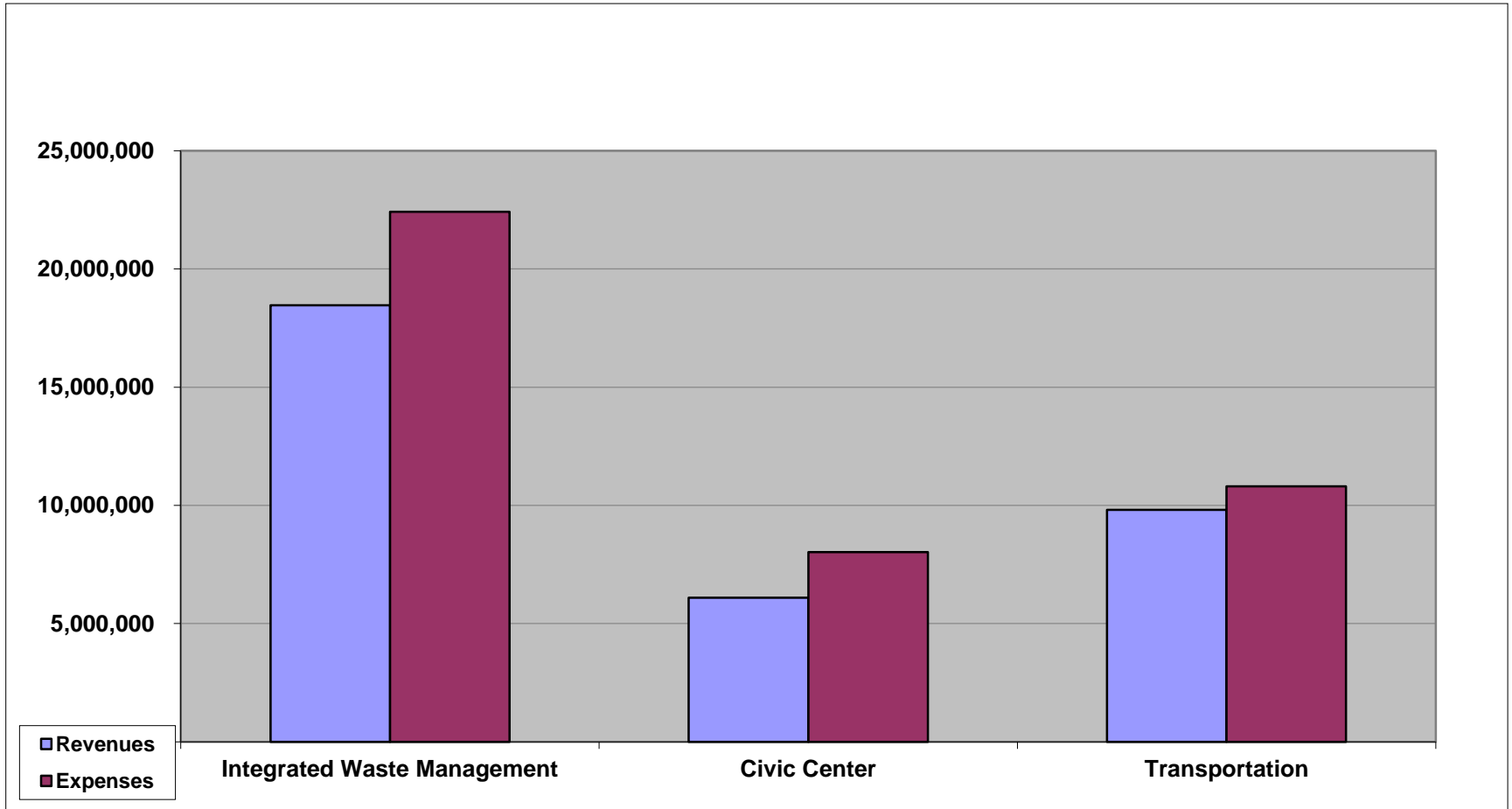
General Fund – Fund Balance History



Importance of Maintaining Strong Fund Balance

- **Cash flow through second half of calendar year**
- **Significant emergencies and unanticipated expenditures (i.e. weather-related costs)**
- **Flexibility for discretionary funding needs**
- **Potential for better interest rates on debt issues**
- **Important in uncertain economic times**

Enterprise Funds - *Revenues vs. Expenses*



Recommendations for Improvement

1. **Cash Management – Tax Commissioner’s Office**
2. **Excess Funds in the Superior Court and Sheriff’s Office**
3. **Backlog of Business License and Alcohol Beverage License Renewals**

Required Communications

- **Clean Opinion, One Material Weakness, No Significant Deficiencies**
- **We Received Full Cooperation from Management and Staff**
- **No Disagreements with Management**
- **No Significant Issues Discussed with Management**
- **No Uncorrected Misstatements**
- **We are Independent of the Government as Required by Government Auditing Standards**

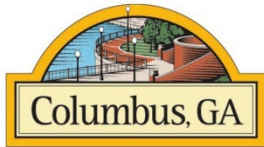
Closing

We appreciate the opportunity to serve the Columbus Consolidated Government and look forward to serving the Government in the future.



File Attachments for Item:

1. 1st Reading- REZN-02-24-0242: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6943 Flat Rock Road** (parcel # 109-001-109) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)



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COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-02-24-0242

Applicant:	Abid Khutliwala
Owner:	Russell S. Cail
Location:	6943 Flat Rock Road
Parcel:	109-001-109 (less 1.5 acres)
Acreage:	1.49 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Light Manufacturing/Industrial
Proposed Zoning Classification:	General Commercial
Current Use of Property:	Vacant
Proposed Use of Property:	Restaurants
Council District:	District 6 (Allen)
PAC Recommendation:	Approval based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
Planning Department Recommendation:	Approval based on compatibility with existing land uses.
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
General Land Use:	Inconsistent Planning Area B
Current Land Use Designation:	Light Manufacturing/Industrial

Future Land Use Designation: Light Manufacturing/Industrial

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses: Yes

Environmental Impacts: The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.

City Services: Property is served by all city services.

Traffic Impact: Not available

Traffic Engineering: This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.

Surrounding Zoning:	North	Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)
	South	General Commercial (GC)
	East	Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)
	West	Planned Mixed Unit Development (PMUD)

Reasonableness of Request: The request is compatible with existing land uses.

School Impact: N/A

Buffer Requirement: The site shall include a Category C buffer along all property lines bordered by the LMI zoning district. The 3 options under Category C are:

- 1) 20 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.
- 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.
- 3) 30 feet undisturbed natural buffer.

Attitude of Property Owners: **Twelve (12)** property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received **no** calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

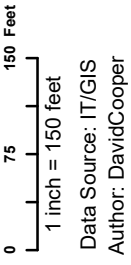
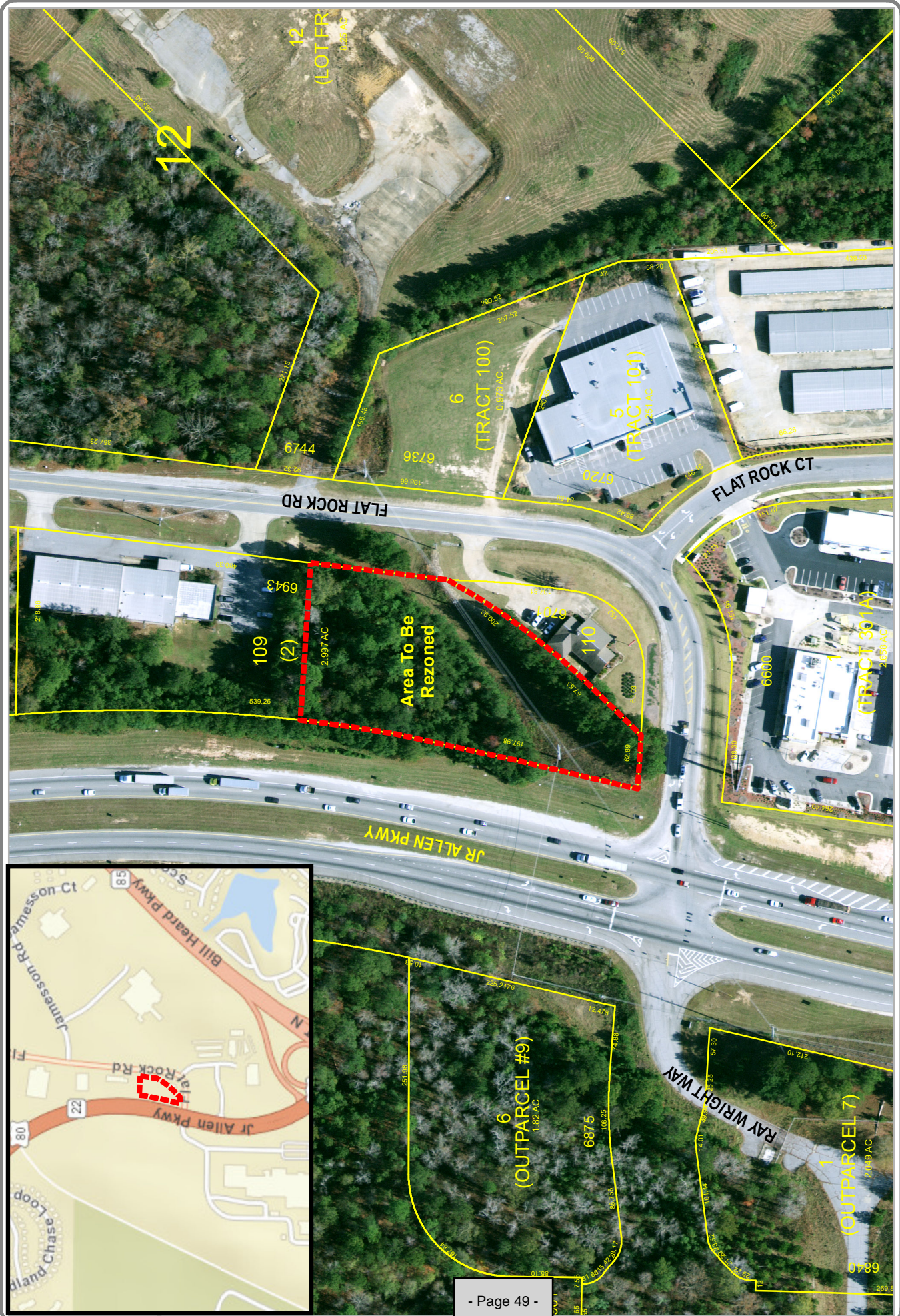
Approval 0 Responses
Opposition 0 Responses

Additional Information:

U.S. Highway 80 Overlay
Two proposed restaurants, one sit down and one quick service restaurant with drive-thru.

Attachments:

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

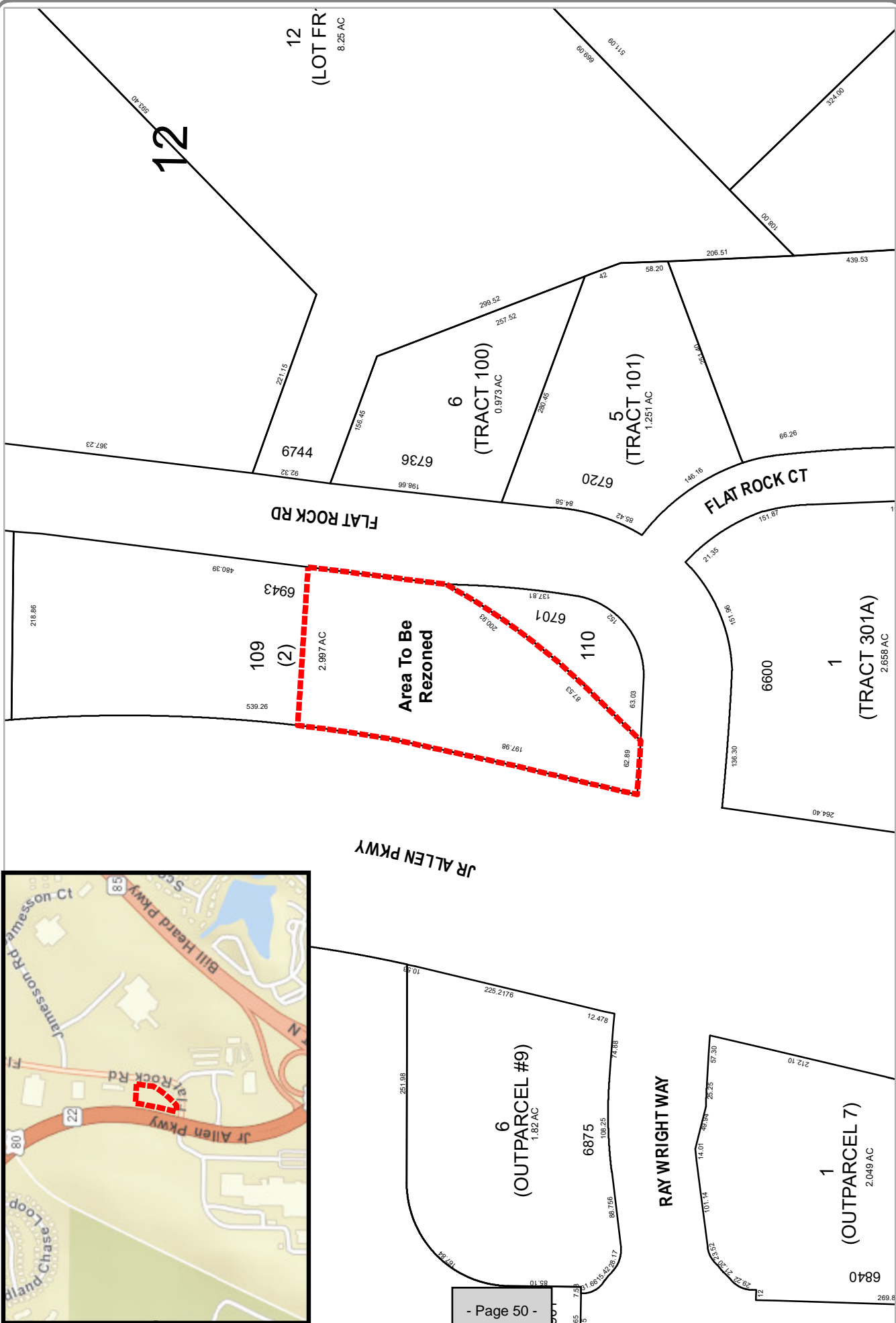


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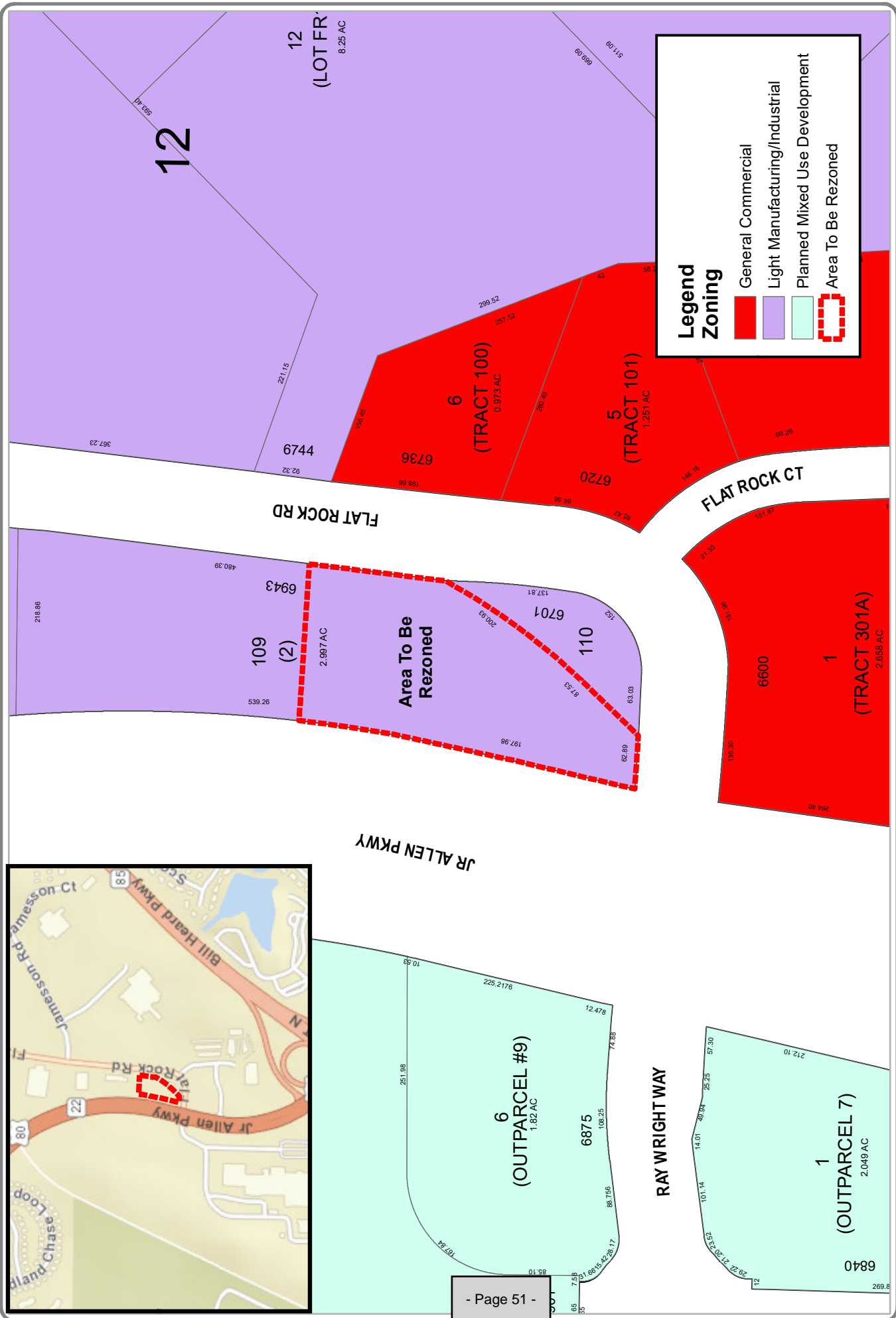
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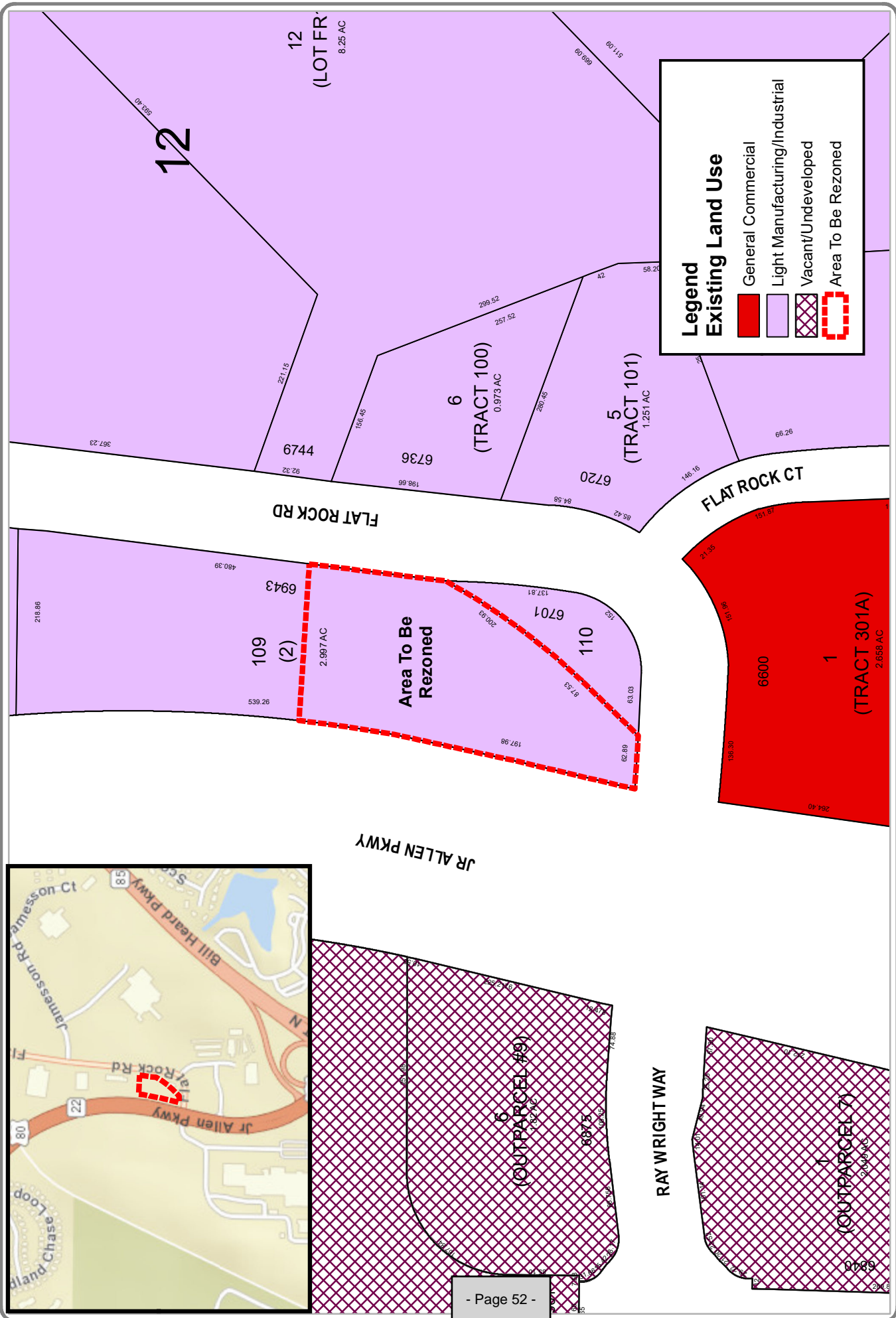
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Legend

Existing Land Use

- General Commercial
- Light Manufacturing/Industrial
- Vacant/Undeveloped
- Area To Be Rezoned



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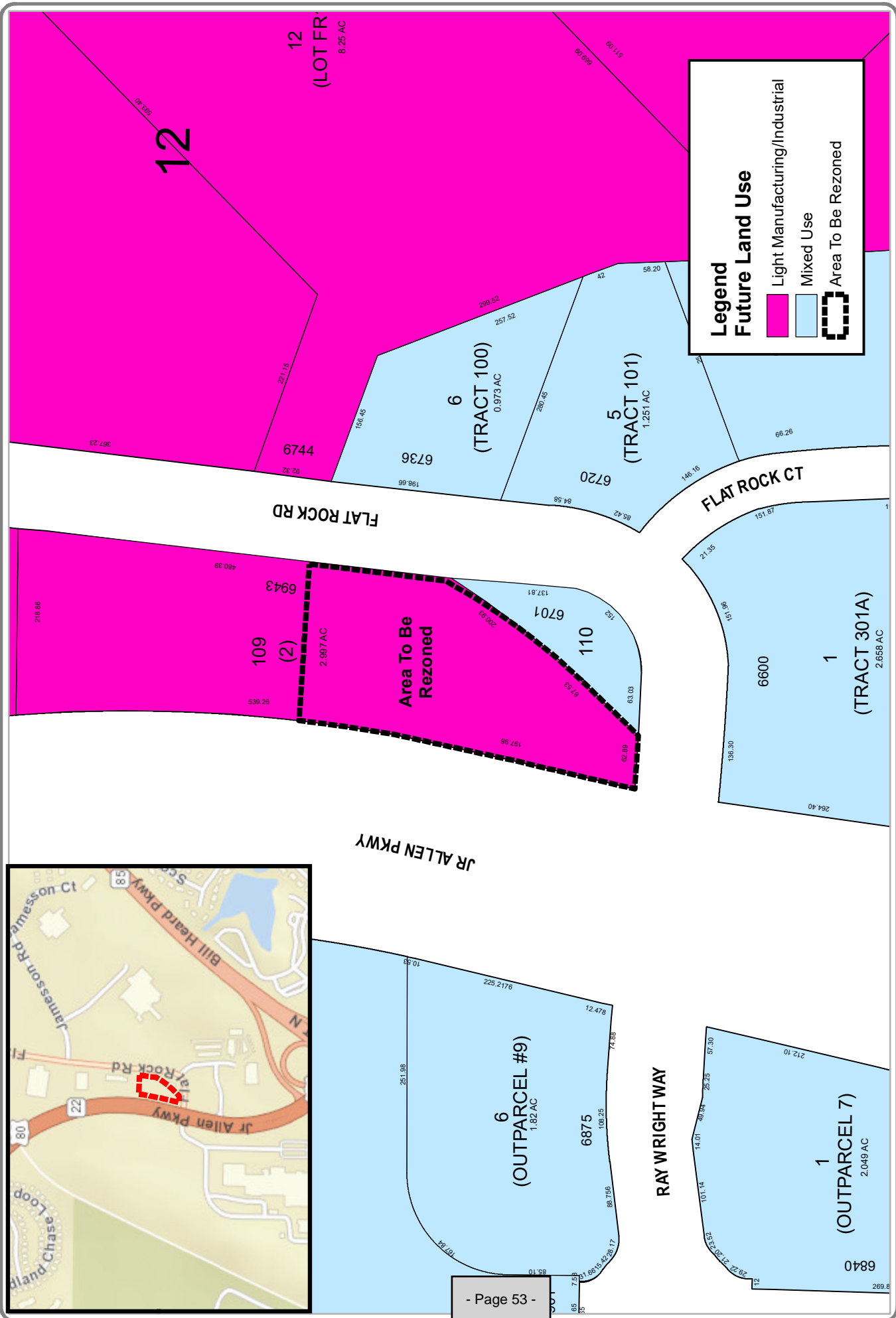
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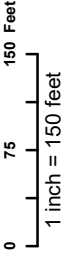
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**Legend
Future Land Use**

- Light Manufacturing/Industrial
- Mixed Use
- Area To Be Rezoned



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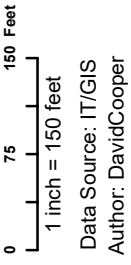
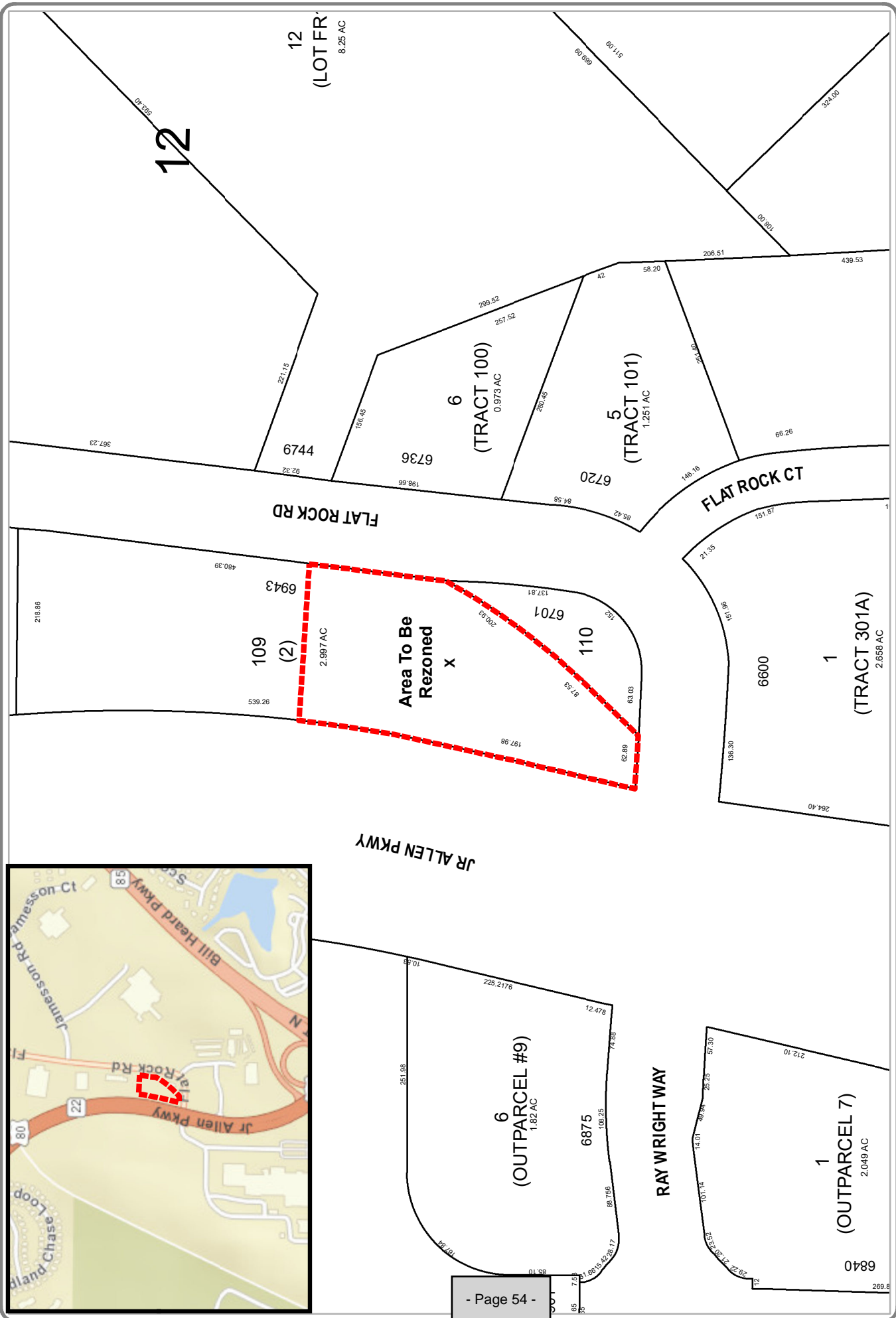


**Future Land Use Map for REZN 02-24-0242
Map 109 Block 009 Lot 109**
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Flood Zone Map for REZN 02-24-0242
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AN ORDINANCE

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An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6943 Flat Rock Road** (parcel # 109-001-109) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) 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 General Commercial (GC) Zoning District

“ALL THAT TRACT or parcel of land lying and being in land lot 62 of the 9th Land District of Muscogee County, Georgia, and being more particularly shown as Tract "2" on a Plat made by James H. Rader, a Georgia Registered Land Surveyor, dated January 22, 2024. The tract or parcel being more particularly described as follows:

From the POINT OF BEGINNING, being a point at the intersection of the eastern right-of-way of J.R. Allen Pkwy./US Hwy. 80 and the northern right-of-way of Flat Rock Rd. having the coordinates N 926331.23, E 2078950.74; Thence, N 13° 14' 47.0" E for a distance of 197.98 feet to the beginning of a curve, Said curve turning to the left through 07° 11' 42.8", having a radius of 1762.02 feet, and whose long chord bears N 09° 38' 55.6" E for a distance of 221.12 feet; Thence, S 83° 22' 47.2" E for a distance of 187.21 feet to a point on the western right-of-way of Flat Rock Rd. Thence, S 06° 43' 00.0" W for a distance of 174.57 feet to the beginning of a non-tangential curve, Said curve turning to the right through an angle of 11° 26' 42.9", having a radius of 1005.37 feet, and whose long chord bears S 38° 20' 15.6" W for a distance of 200.49 feet. Thence, S 44° 03' 37.0" W for a distance of 87.53 feet to a point on a line. Thence, N 85° 58' 53.0" W for a distance of 62.89 feet to a point, said point being the Point of Beginning. Said Tract contains 1.499 acres, more or less.”

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 9th day of April, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

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

Sandra T Davis
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

2. 1st Reading- REZN-02-24-0344: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1615 Wynnton Road** (parcel # 026-021-004) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)

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 **1615 Wynnton Road** (parcel # 026-021-004) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) 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 Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District.

“All that lot, tract and parcel of land situate, lying and being in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia and being known and designated as ALL OF LOT NUMBERED THREE (3), AND PART OF LOT NUMBERED TWO (2), OF LITTLE'S WYNNTON SURVEY, said survey being recorded in Deed Book GG, Page 44 in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin on the northerly margin of Wynnton Road, said iron pin being located a distance of 155.50 feet easterly, as measured along said margin of Wynnton Road, from the intersection of said margin of Wynnton Road with the easterly margin of 16th Avenue and from said Point of Beginning running thence north 17 degrees 10 minutes west, a distance of 96.85 feet to an iron pin; running thence north 14 degrees 43 minutes west a distance of 18.95 feet to a point; running thence north 75 degrees 39 and 1/2 minutes east a distance of 6.94 feet to a point; running thence north 14 degrees 48 minutes west, a distance of 54.33 feet to a 15 foot alley; running thence north 76 degrees 17 minutes east along the southerly margin of said alley a distance of 82.94 feet to an iron pin; running thence south 14 degrees 36 minutes east along the line dividing Lot 3 from Lot 4 in said survey a distance of 163.16 feet to an iron pin; running thence south 71 degrees 42 and 1/2 minutes west along said margin of Wynnton Road a distance of 85.55 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with all that lot, tract and parcel of land situate, lying and being in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia being described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin on the northerly margin of Wynnton Road, said iron pin being located a distance of 155.50 feet easterly, as measured along said margin of Wynnton Road, from the intersection of said margin of Wynnton Road with the easterly margin of 16th Avenue and from said Point of Beginning running thence north 71 degrees 42 and 1/2 minutes east a distance of 85.55 feet to an iron pin; running thence south 14 degrees 36 minutes east a distance of 19.50 feet to an iron pin; running thence south 71 degrees 41 and 1/2 minutes west a distance of 84.68

feet to an iron pin; running thence north 17 degrees 10 minutes west a distance of 19 .49 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The above property is shown upon a map or pint of said property dated September 23, 1982, made by Moon, Meeks & Patrick, Inc. and recorded in PLAT BOOK 96, FOLIO 25, of the records in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia, to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description of the real property herein described.

Said property is presently assigned the street address of 1617 Wynnton Road, Columbus, Georgia 31906 (and also being from time to time referred to as 1615 Wynnton Road) according to the present system of assigning street addresses in Muscogee County, Georgia.

Muscogee County Tax Parcel: 026-021-004.

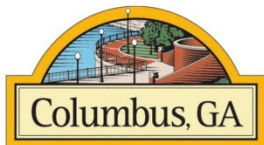
This is the identical real property conveyed by Warranty Deed from Joseph E. Taylor and Jeanette V. Merritt to ECR, LLC, dated November 15, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 8178, Page 294, of the records in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia.”

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 9th day of April, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
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COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-02-24-0344

Applicant:	Roongsak Griffeth
Owner:	Roongsak Griffeth
Location:	1615 Wynnton Road
Parcel:	026-021-004
Acreage:	0.34 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
Proposed Zoning Classification:	Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1)
Current Use of Property:	Last Certificate of Occupancy issued was for Retail use
Proposed Use of Property:	Residential (Single Family or Duplex)
Council District:	District 7 (Cogle)
PAC Recommendation:	Approval based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
Planning Department Recommendation:	Approval based on compatibility with existing land uses.
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
General Land Use:	Inconsistent Planning Area D
Current Land Use Designation:	General Commercial (GC)

Future Land Use Designation: General Commercial (GC)

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses: Yes

Environmental Impacts: The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.

City Services: Property is served by all city services.

Traffic Impact: Not Available

Traffic Engineering: This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.

Surrounding Zoning:	North	Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2)
	South	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
	East	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
	West	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)

Reasonableness of Request: The request is compatible with existing land uses.

School Impact: N/A

Buffer Requirement: The site shall include a Category A buffer along all property lines bordered by the NC zoning district. The 3 options under Category A are:

- 1) 5 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.
- 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.
- 3) 20 feet undisturbed natural buffer.

Attitude of Property Owners: **Thirty (30)** property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received **no** calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

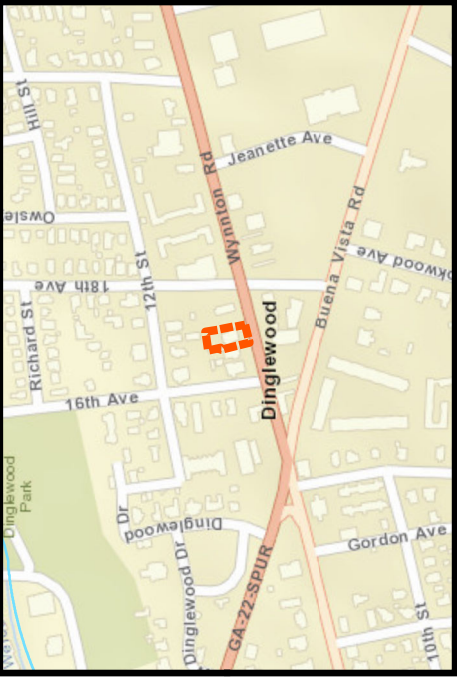
Approval	0 Responses
Opposition	0 Responses

Additional Information:

Existing house in Wynnton Village Historic District

Attachments:

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



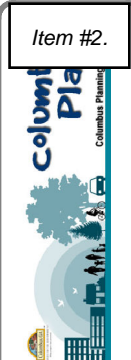
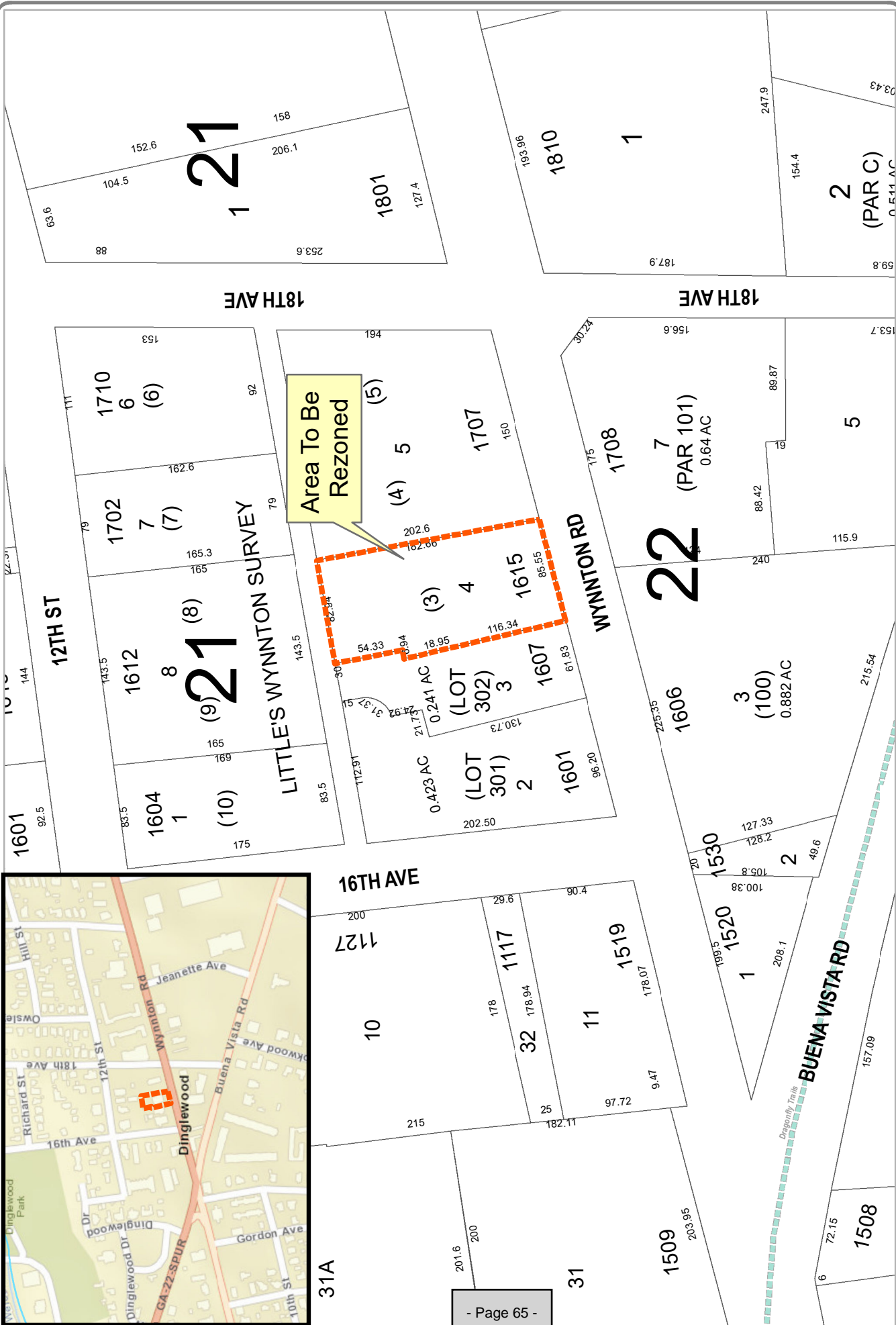
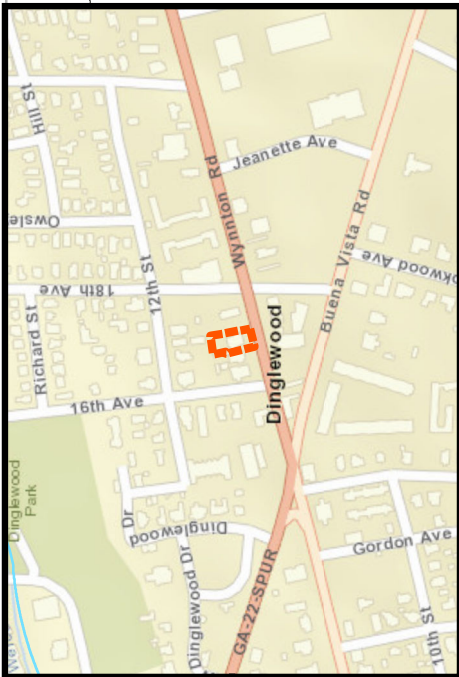
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Location Map for REZN 02-24-0344
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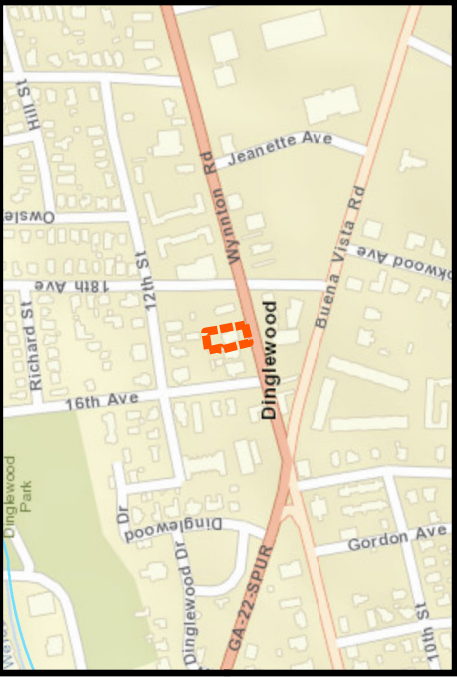
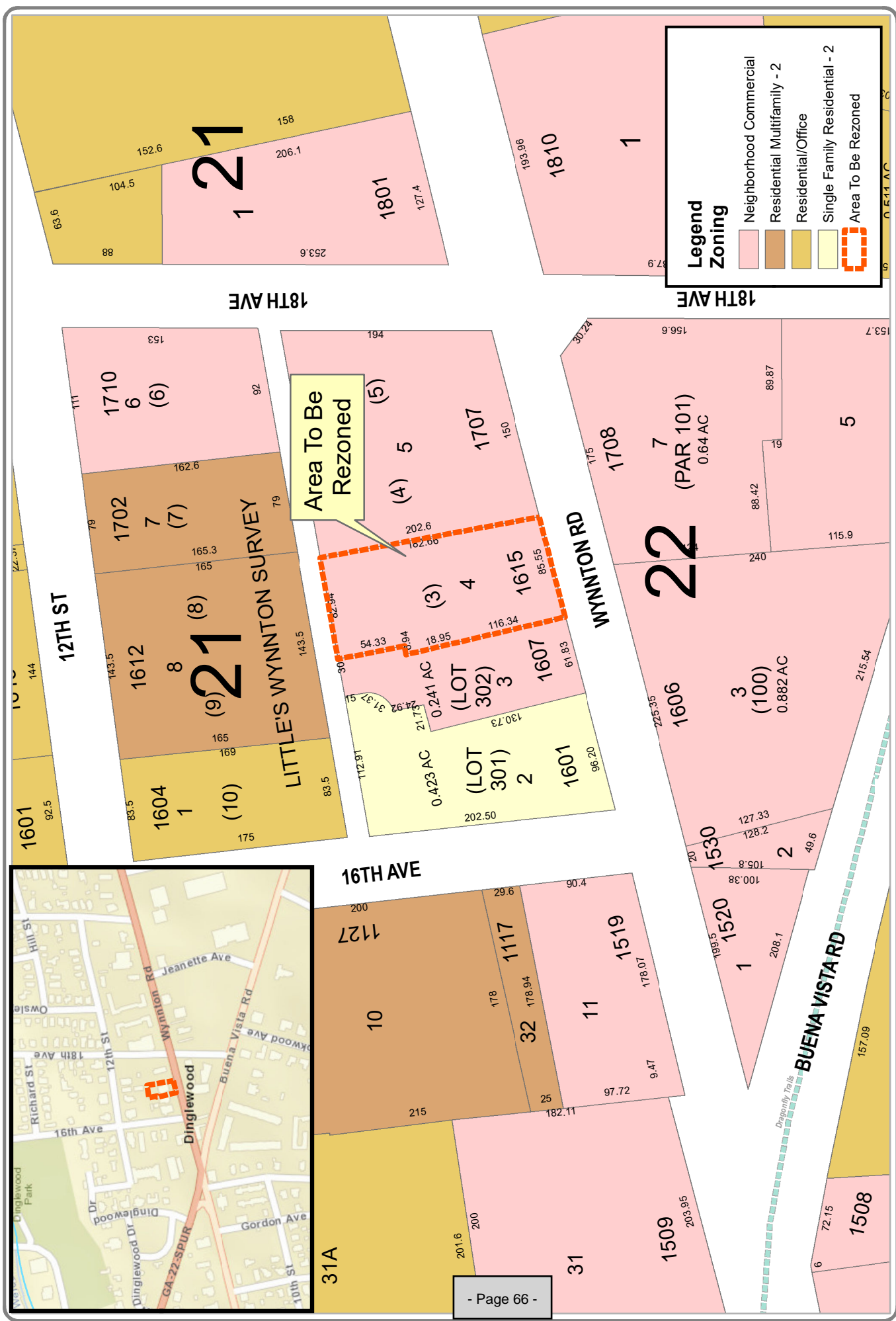
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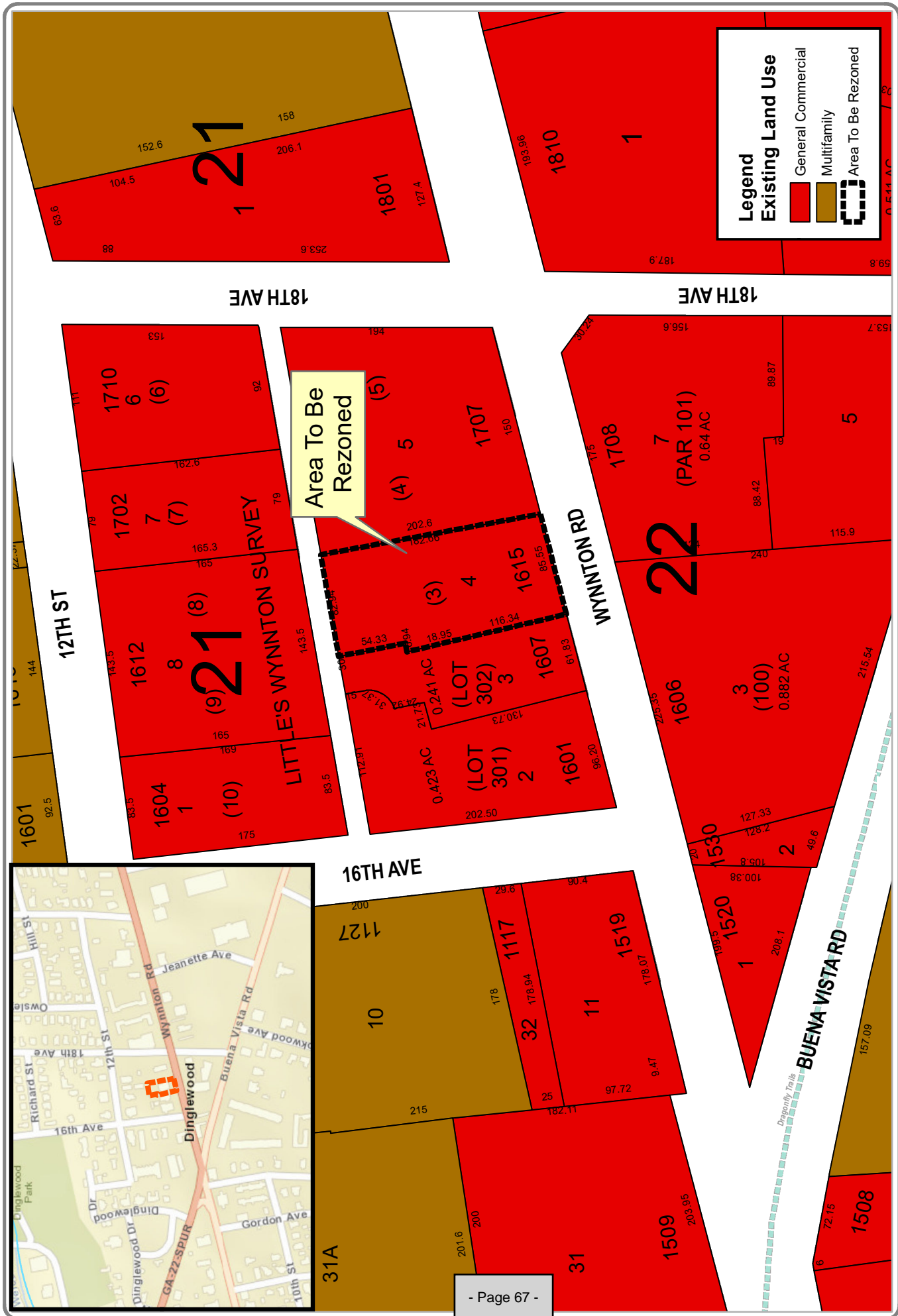


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Legend
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- Neighborhood Commercial
- Residential Multifamily - 2
- Residential/Office
- Single Family Residential - 2
- Area To Be Rezoned

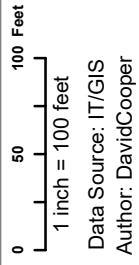
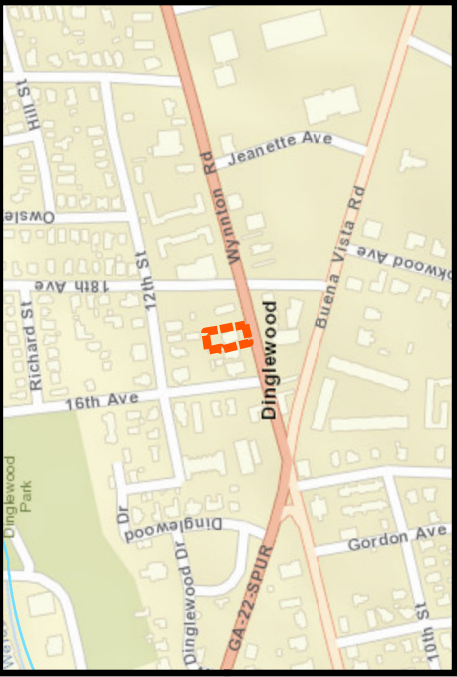




Legend
Existing Land Use

- General Commercial
- Multifamily
- Area To Be Rezoned

Area To Be Rezoned



Existing Land Use Map for REZN 02-24-0344
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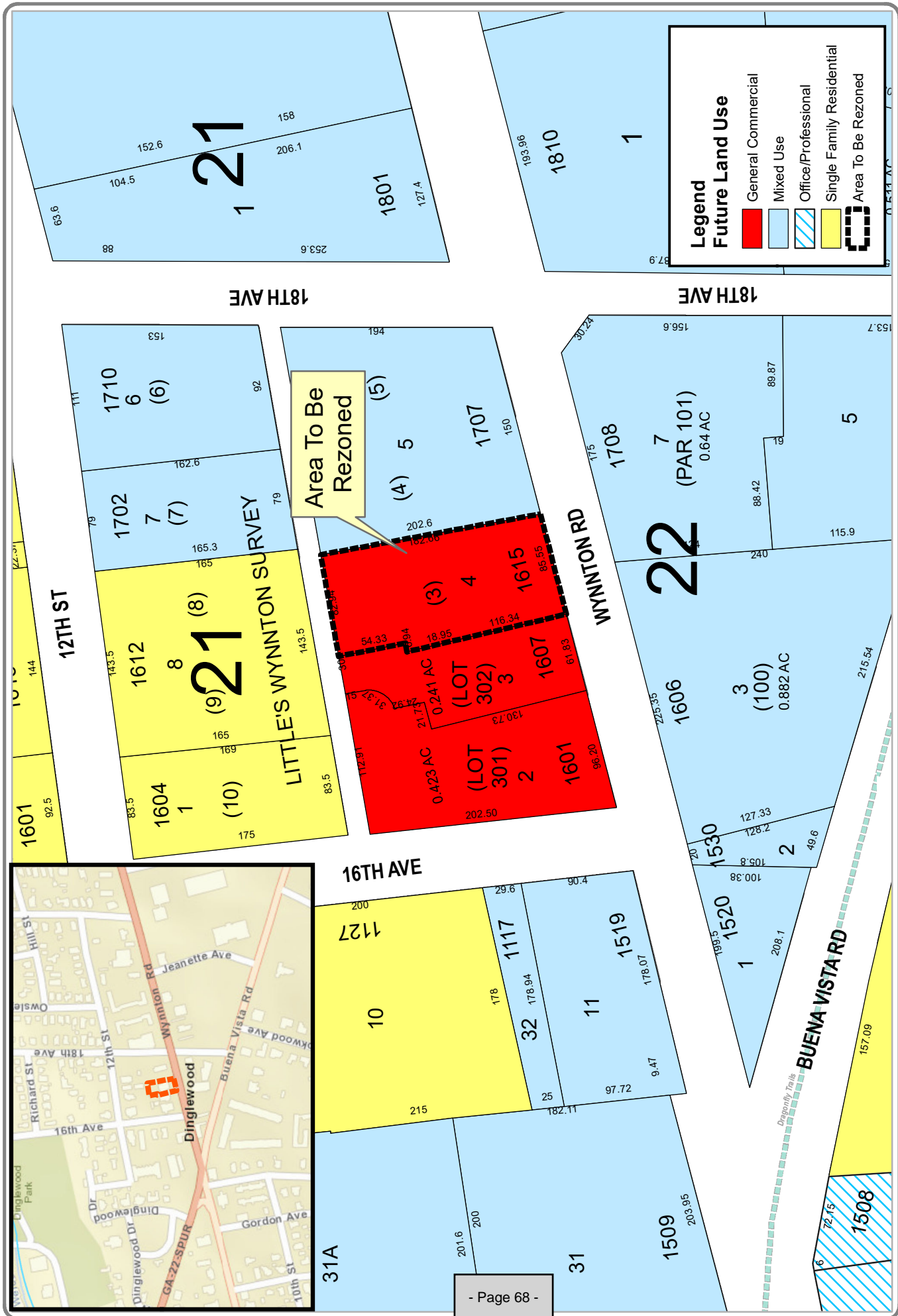
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**Legend
Future Land Use**

- General Commercial
- Mixed Use
- Office/Professional
- Single Family Residential
- Area To Be Rezoned

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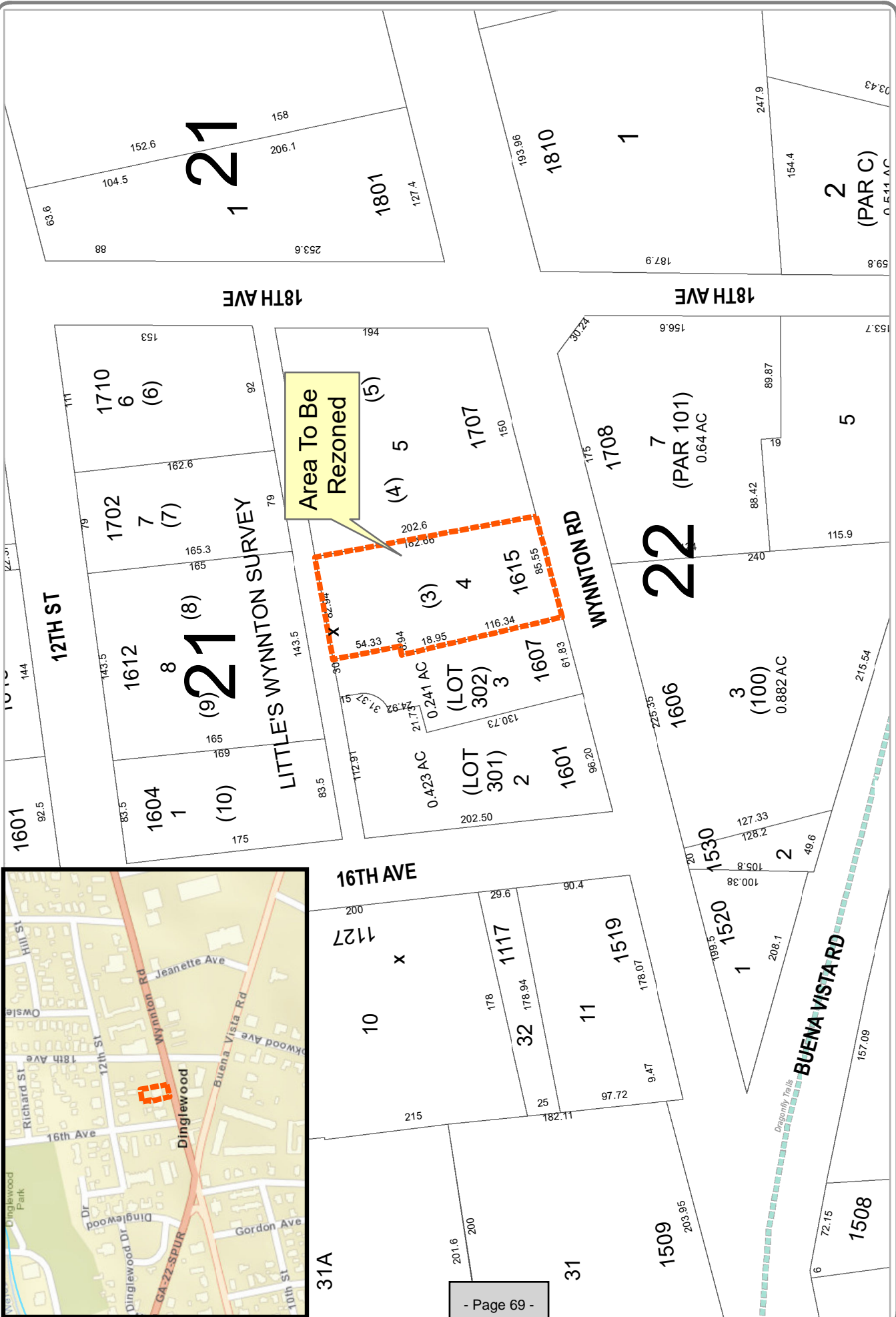
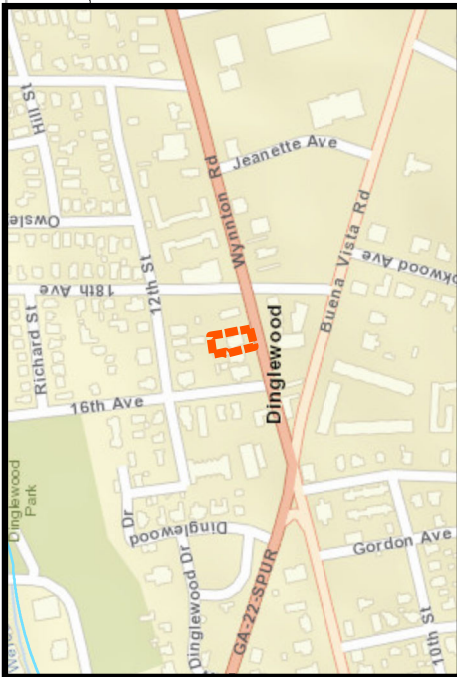
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Area To Be Rezoned

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Flood Hazard Map for REZN 02-24-0344

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File Attachments for Item:

3. 1st Reading- REZN-02-24-0345: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; this amendment changes certain boundaries of a district located at **1000 Wynnton Road** (parcel # 018-018-004/5 and 019-004-001) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) and Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2) Zoning Districts (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Councilor Cogle)

AN ORDINANCE

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An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; this amendment changes certain boundaries of a district located at **1000 Wynnton Road** (parcel # 018-018-004/5 and 019-004-001) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) and Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2) Zoning Districts.

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 General Commercial (GC) Zoning District.

“Begin at a concrete monument found which marks the intersection of the easterly right of way line of 10th A venue with the southerly right-of-way line of Wynnton Road, which concrete monument marks the POINT OF BEGINNING; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, thence run North 82 degrees 21 minutes 54 seconds East along the southerly right-of-way line of Wynnton Road for a distance of 357.72 feet to an iron pin found; thence, leaving the southerly right of way line of Wynnton Road, run in a southwesterly direction along a curve to the right having a radius of 81.11 feet for an arc distance of 76.26 feet to an iron (said curve being subtended by a chord bearing South 17 degrees 45 minutes 09 seconds West having a length of 73.49 feet); thence run South 44 degrees 26 minutes 38 seconds West for a distance of 207.16 feet to an iron pin; thence run South 83 degrees 06 minutes 13 seconds West for a distance of 26.30 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 00 degrees 01 minute 41 seconds West for a distance of 30.00 feet to an iron pin; thence run South 42 degrees 10 minutes 47 seconds West for a distance of 159.72 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 88 degrees 46 minutes 51 seconds West for a distance of 56.92 feet to an iron pin on the eastern right of way line of 10th Avenue; thence run along the east right of way line of 10th Avenue North 00 degrees 42 minutes 11 seconds East for a distance of 260.68 feet to the concrete monument which marks the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The above-described property is the same tract of land shown and identified as "Parcel 'A', Office Parcel', Warren Williams Homes", on that certain plat of survey entitled "Replat of Lot A, Part 3, Theo J. McGee Subdivision, Wynnton Road South Side Office, Land Lots 15 & 16, Coweta Reserve, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia for Housing Authority of Columbus", dated June 5, 2023, prepared by Becker Survey Company, Inc., and recorded in Plat Book 167, page 222, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia.”

Section 2.

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 - 2 (RMF2) Zoning District.

“To locate the POINT OF BEGINNING, commence at a concrete monument found which marks the intersection of the easterly right of way line of 10th A venue with the southerly right-of-way line of Wynnton Road; thence run North 82 degrees 21 minutes 54 seconds East along the southerly right-of-way line of Wynnton Road for a distance of 357.72 feet to an iron pin found which marks the POINT OF BEGINNING; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, thence continue to run North 82 degrees 21 minutes 54 seconds east along said right-of-way line for a distance of 119 .31 feet to an iron pin found; thence, leaving the southerly right-of-way line of Wynnton Road, run South 00 degrees 45 minutes 37 seconds West for a distance of 199.52 feet to an iron pin set; thence run South 83 degrees 06 minutes 13 seconds West for a distance of 285.13 feet to a concrete monument found; thence run North 44 degrees 26 minutes 38 seconds East for a distance of 207.16 feet to a ½" rebar set; thence run in a northeasterly direction along a curve to the left having a radius of 81.11 feet for an arc distance of 76.26 feet to the iron pin which marks the POINT OF BEGINNING (said curve being subtended by a chord bearing North 17 degrees 45 minutes 09 seconds East having a length of 73.49 feet).

The above-described property is the same tract of land shown and identified as "TRACT 3, Warren Williams Homes", on that certain plat of survey entitled "Replat of Lot A, Part 3, Theo J. McGee Subdivision, Wynnton Road South Side Office, Land Lots 15 & 16, Coweta Reserve, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia for Housing Authority of Columbus", dated June 5, 2023, prepared by Becker Survey Company, Inc., and recorded in Plat Book 167, page 222, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia.”

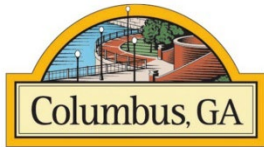


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COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-02-24-0345

Applicant:	Rickey Miles
Owner:	Housing Authority of Columbus
Location:	1000 Wynnton Road
Parcel:	018-018-004/5 and 019-004-001
Acreage:	2.46 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)
Proposed Zoning Classification:	General Commercial (GC)/ Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2)
Current Use of Property:	Multifamily Residential and Office
Proposed Use of Property:	Multifamily Residential and Office
Council District:	District 7 (Cogle)
PAC Recommendation:	Approval based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
Planning Department Recommendation:	Approval based on compatibility with existing land uses.
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
General Land Use:	Inconsistent Planning Area D
Current Land Use Designation:	Public/Institutional

Future Land Use Designation: Mixed Use

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses: Yes

Environmental Impacts: The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.

City Services: Property is served by all city services.

Traffic Impact: Not available

Traffic Engineering: This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential and commercial usage.

Surrounding Zoning:	North	General Commercial (GC)
	South	Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2)
	East	General Commercial (GC)
	West	Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)

Reasonableness of Request: The request is compatible with existing land uses.

School Impact: N/A

Buffer Requirement: RMF2 Tract:
The site shall include a Category A buffer along all property lines bordered by the GC zoning district, east property line. The 3 options under Category A are:

- 1) 5 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.
- 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.
- 3) 20 feet undisturbed natural buffer.

GC Tract:
The site shall include a Category C buffer along all property lines bordered by the RMF2 zoning district. The 3 options under Category C are:

- 1) 20 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.
- 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.
- 3) 30 feet undisturbed natural buffer.

Attitude of Property Owners:

Twelve (12) property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received **no** calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

Approval 0 Responses
Opposition 0 Responses

Additional Information:

Existing office and multifamily residential apartments.

Attachments:

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



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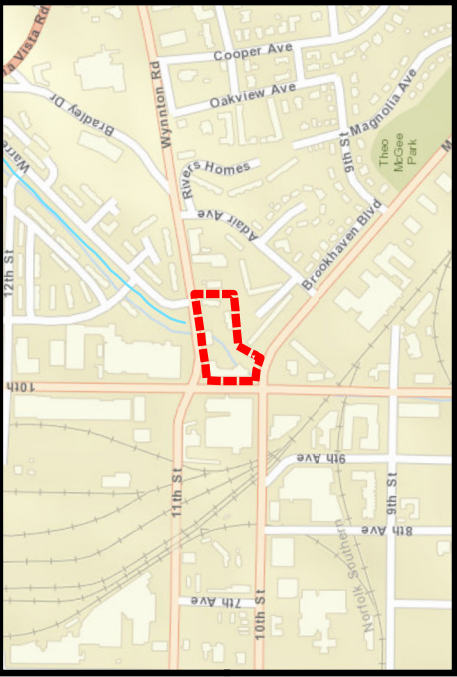
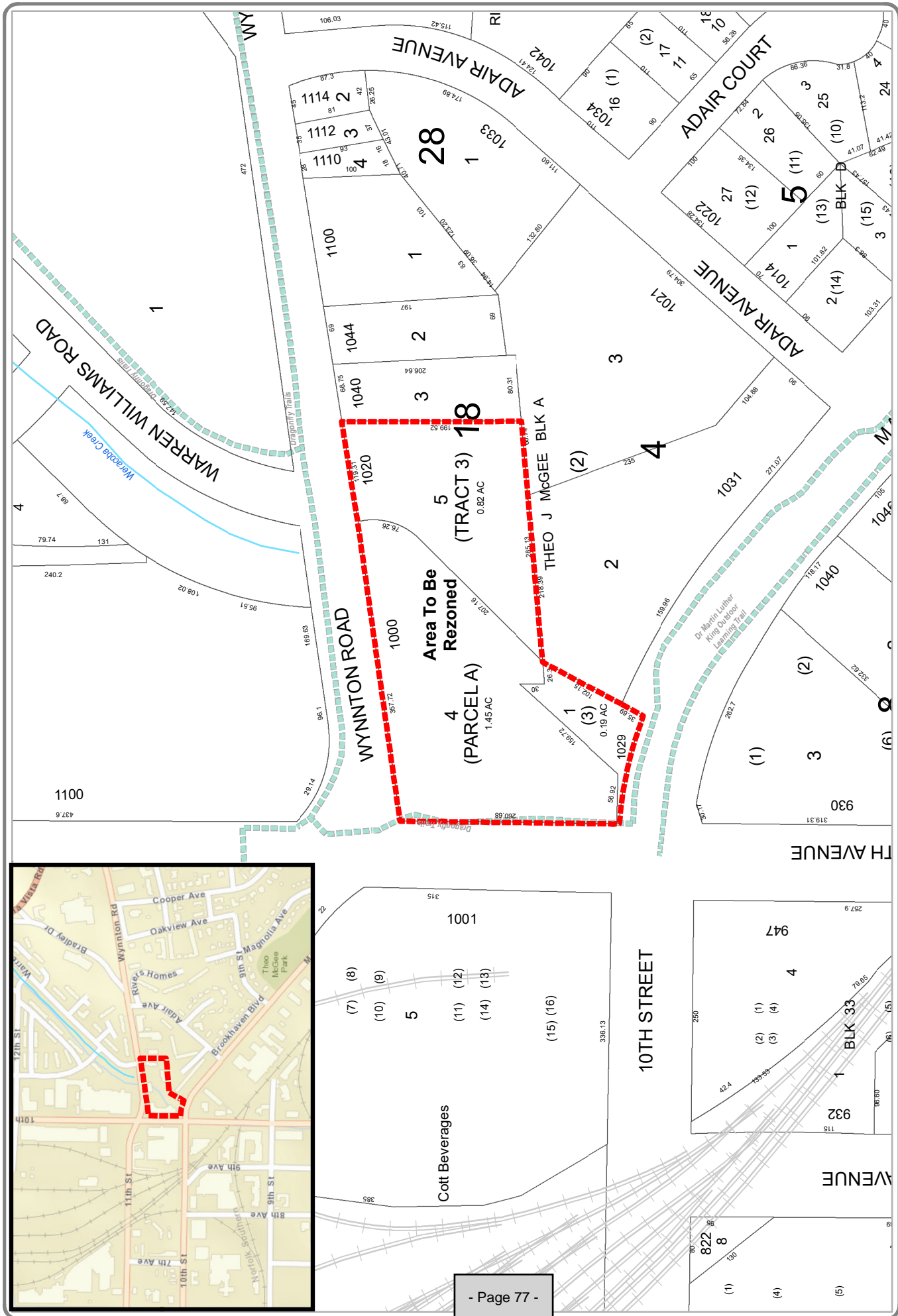
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Aerial Map for REZN 02-24-0345
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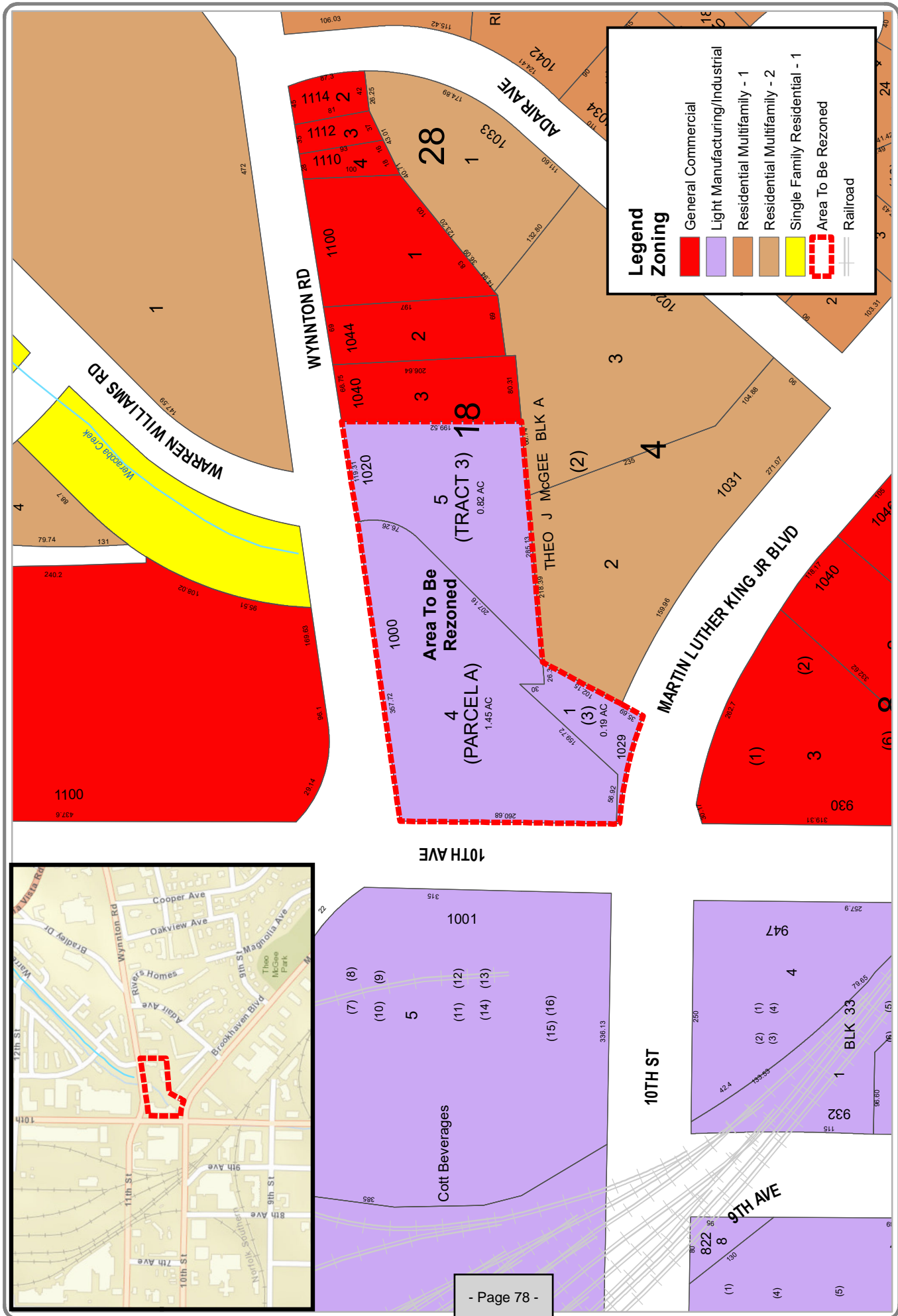
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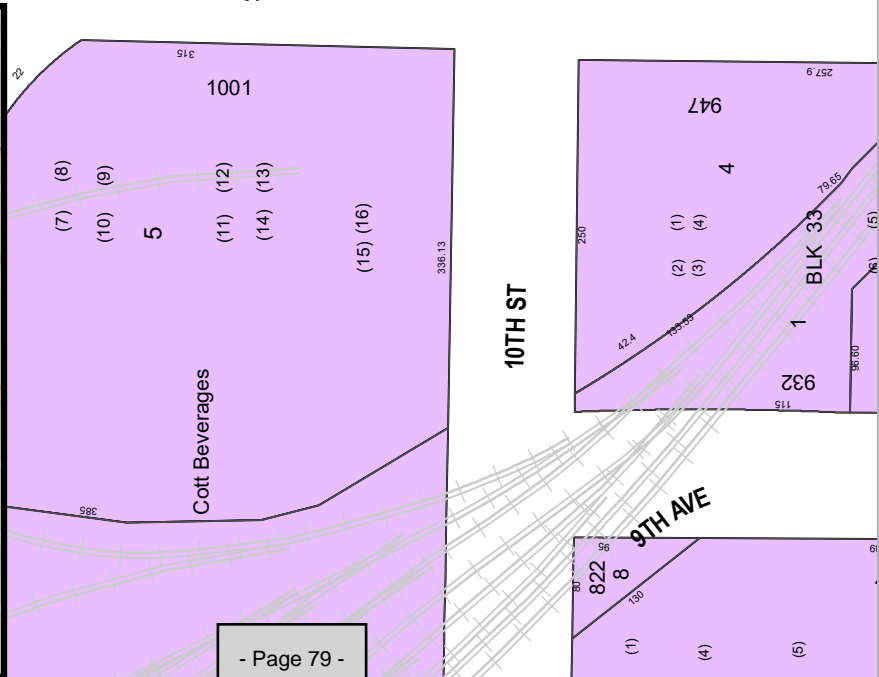
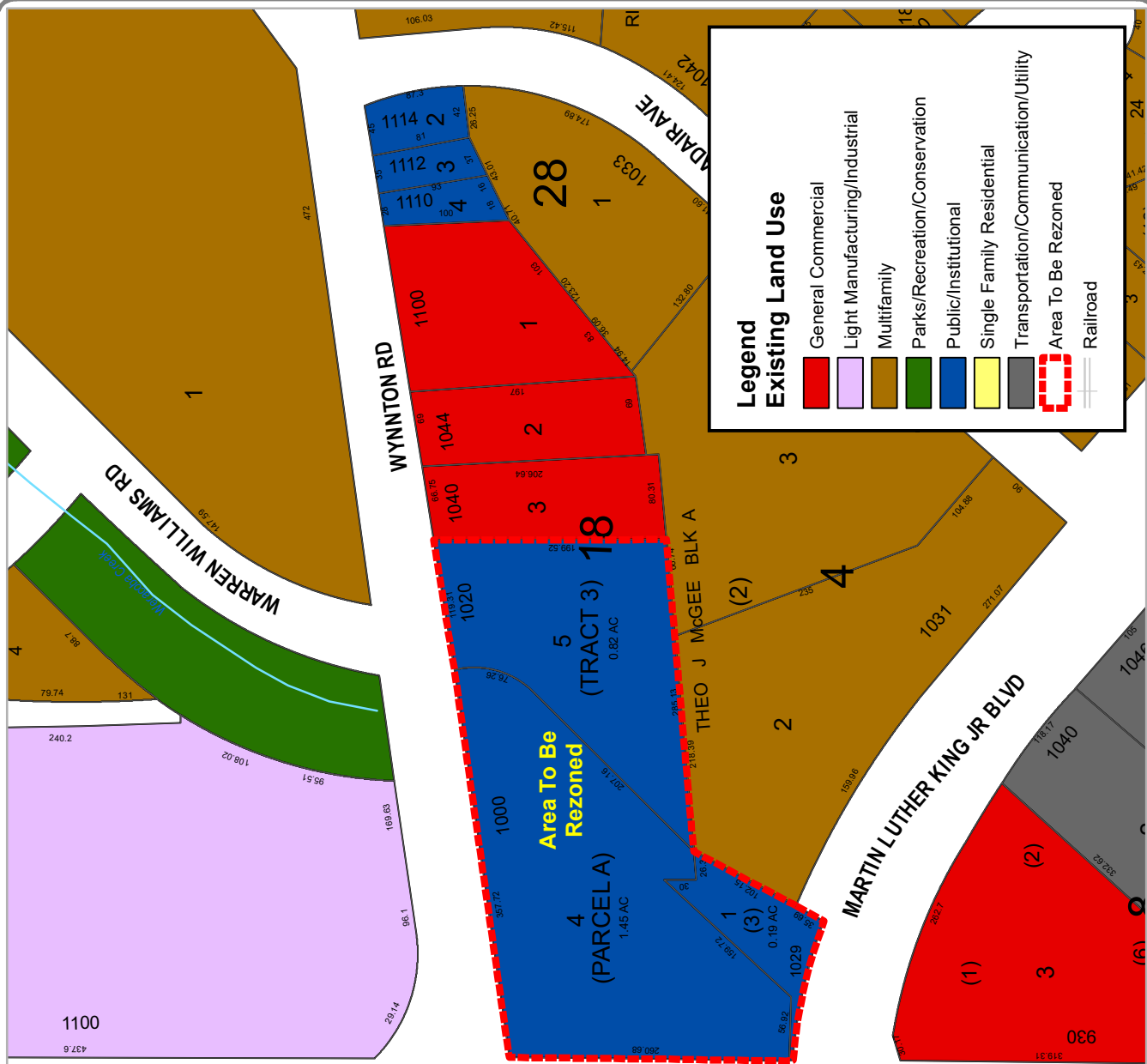
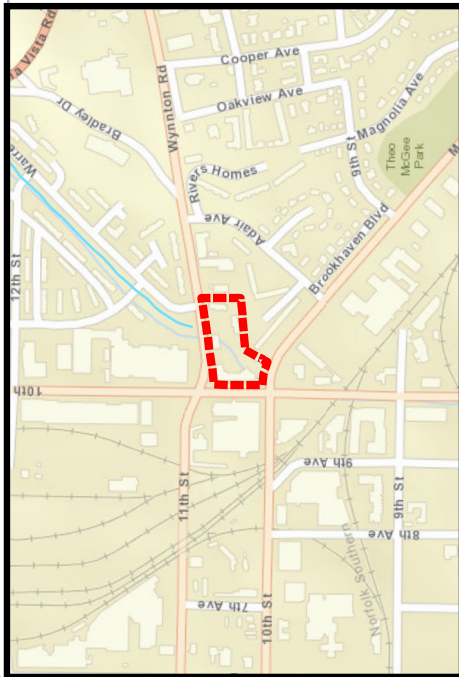
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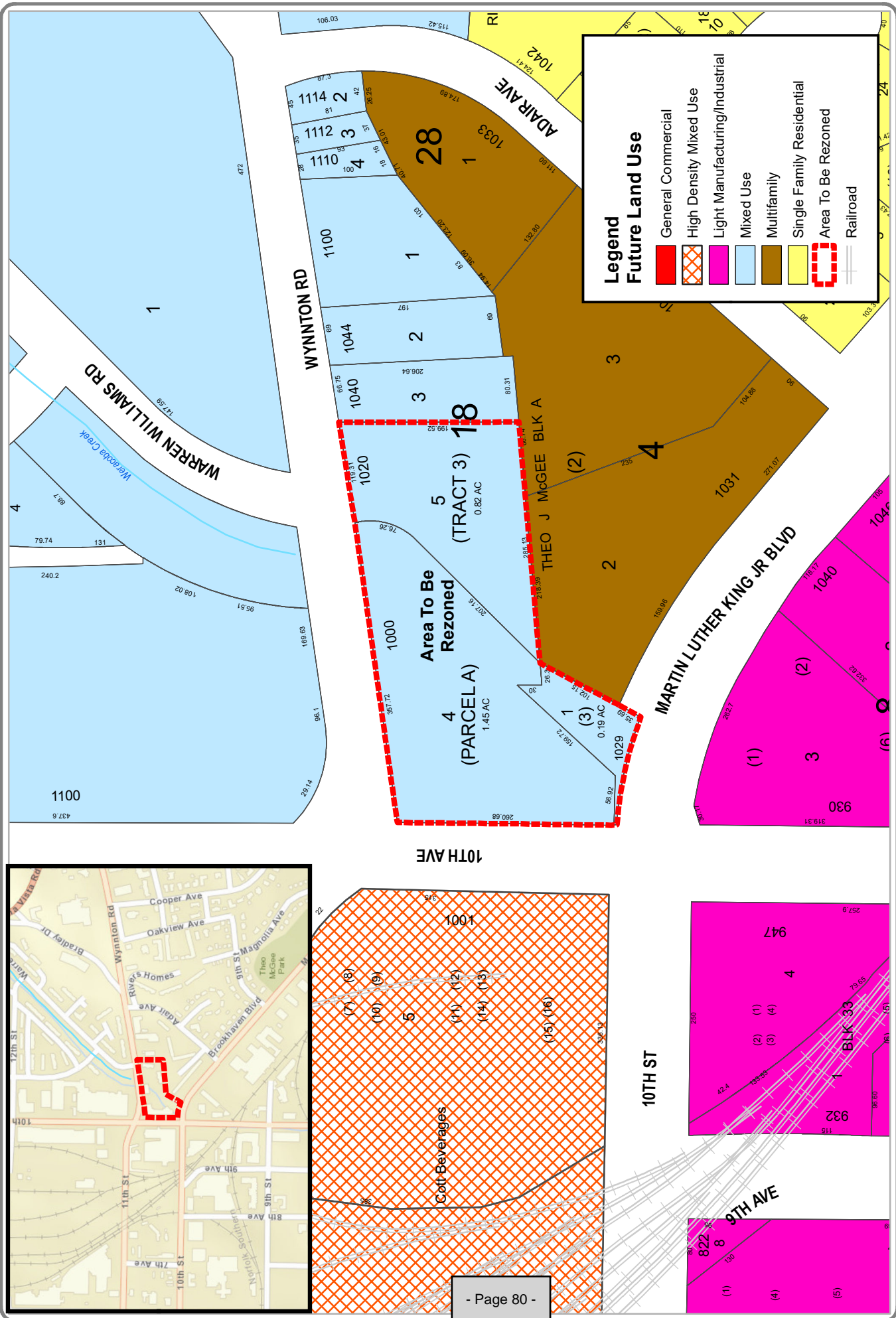
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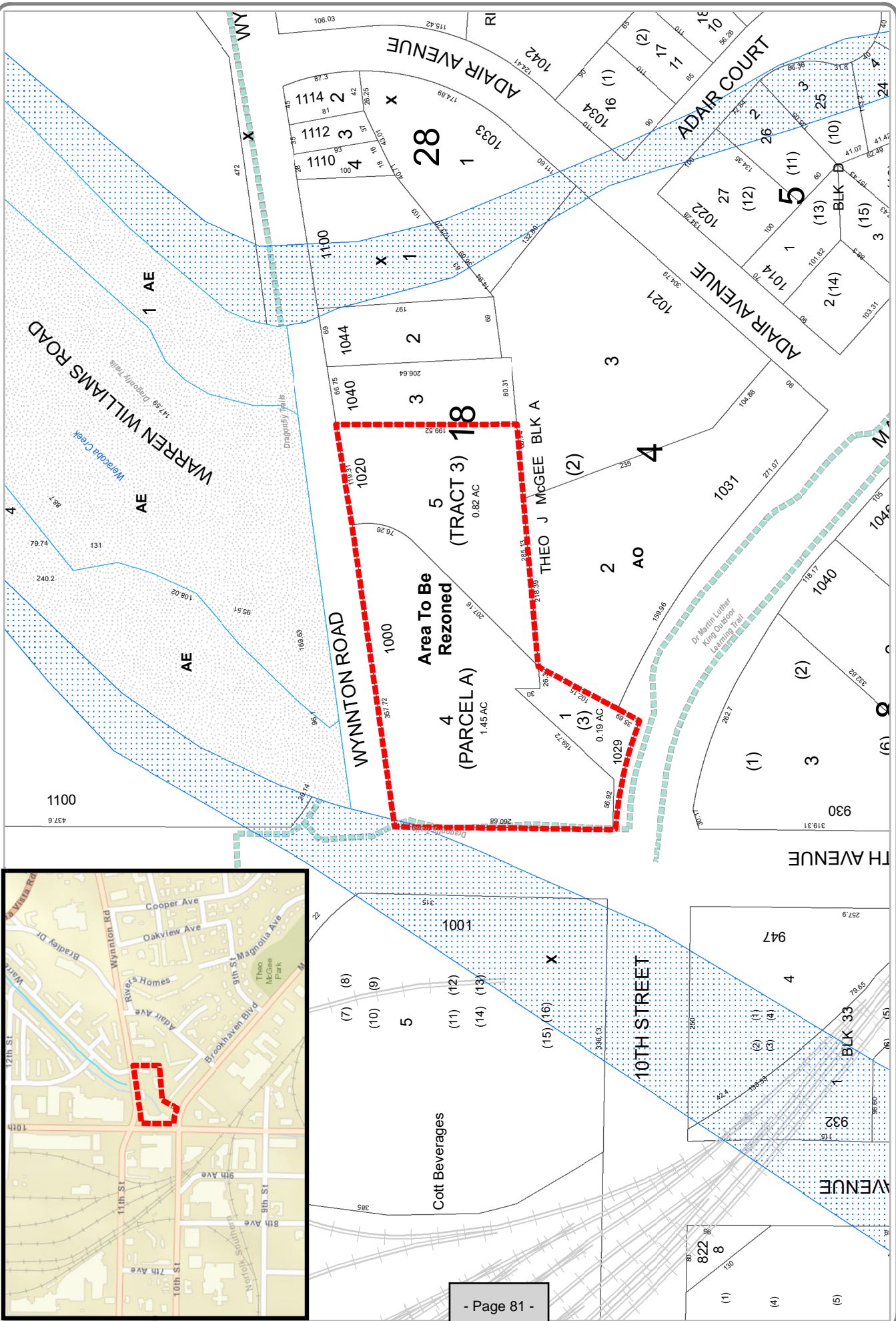
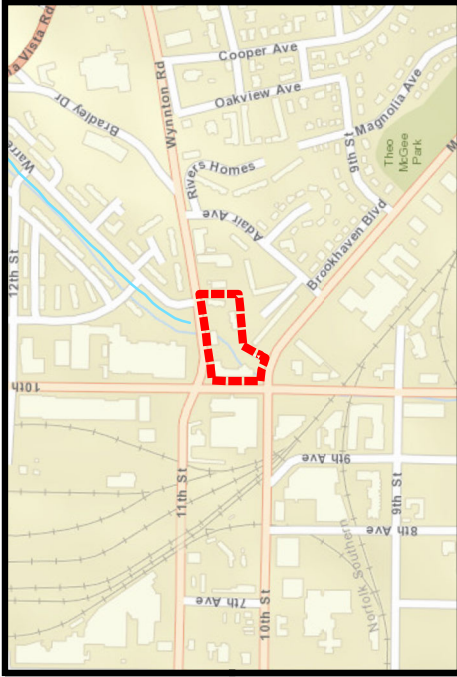
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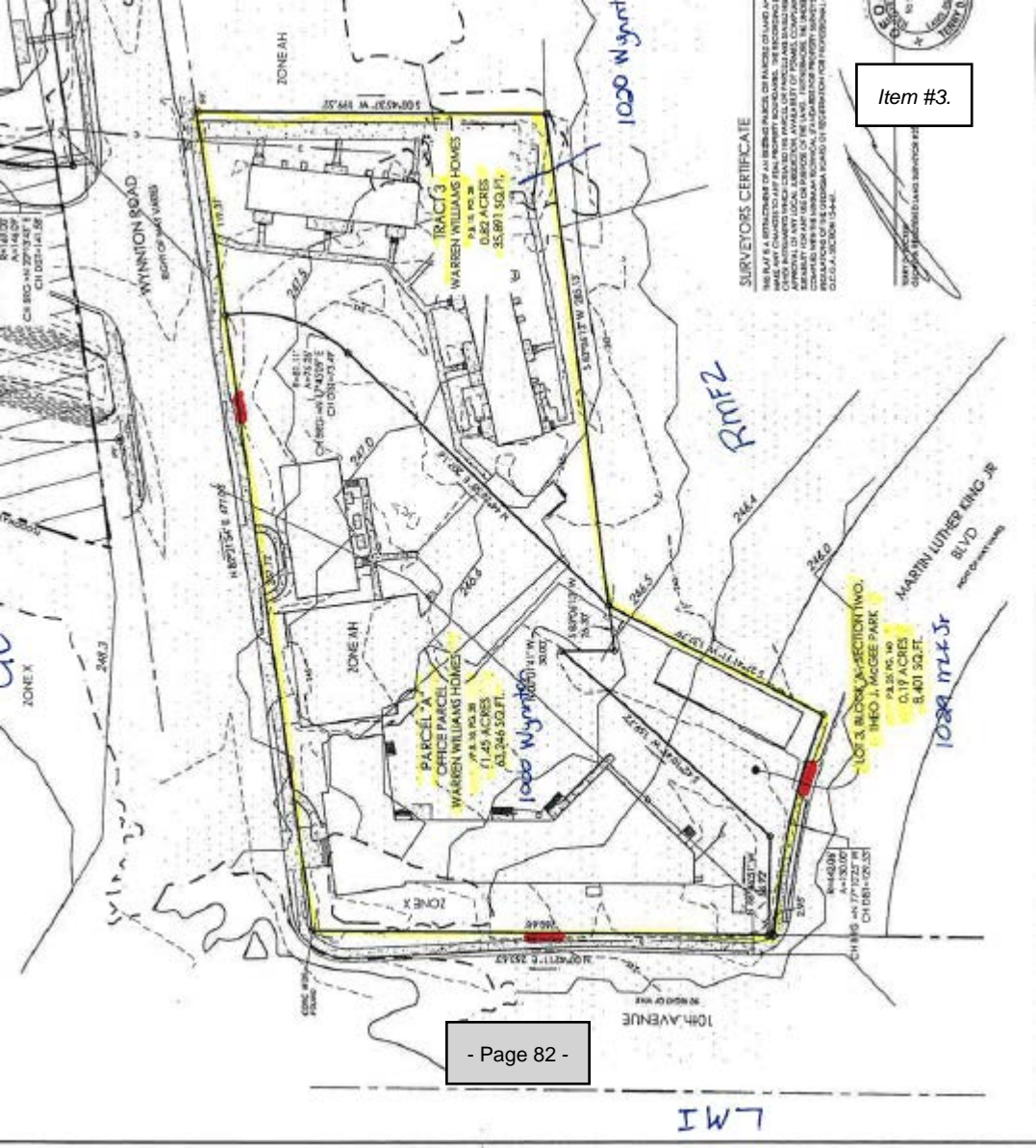
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 THIS PLAT IS A CORRECTION OF AN ERRONEOUS PLAT OF PARCELS OF LAND AS SHOWN ON THE RECORDS OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF ILLINOIS. THE RECORDING OF THIS PLAT IS NOT A WAIVER OF ANY RIGHTS OR INTERESTS IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN. THE RECORDING OF THIS PLAT IS NOT AN APPROVAL BY ANY LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL AGENCY. APPROVAL IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNER. THIS PLAT IS SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE LAWS, ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF LAND SURVEYING. THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF LAND SURVEYING ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCURACY OF THIS PLAT.

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 SURVEYOR

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File Attachments for Item:

4. 1st Reading- REZN-02-24-0347: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4834 Warm Springs Road** (parcel # 082-044-007/8/8H/9, 083-012-002/4/5) from Single Family Residential -1 (SFR1) and Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning Districts to Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb)

AN ORDINANCE

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

Section 1.

The Zoning Atlas on file with the Planning Department is hereby amended by changing the property described below from Single Family Residential -1 (SFR1) and Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning Districts to Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2) Zoning District.

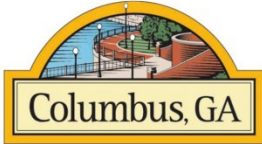
“All that lot, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Muscogee County, Georgia, and being identified as Lot 625 according to that certain Replat of Part of Lots 62 and 63, East Side Acres, Lying in Land Lot 5,8* District, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, dated June 22, 1994, and recorded in Plat Book 125, Folio 111 in the records of the Office of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia, to which reference is hereby made for the specific location and dimensions of said parcel.”

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COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-02-24-0347

Applicant: Ernest Smallman IV

Owner: Ronald J Nix

Location: 4834 Warm Springs Road

Parcel: 082-044-007/8/8H/9, 083-012-002/4/5

Acreage: 6.60 Acres

Current Zoning Classification: Single Family Residential – 1/Neighborhood Commercial (NC)

Proposed Zoning Classification: Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2)

Current Use of Property: Vacant

Proposed Use of Property: Multifamily Residential

Council District: District 5 (Crabb)

PAC Recommendation: **Approval** based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.

Planning Department Recommendation: **Approval** based on compatibility with existing land uses.

Fort Benning's Recommendation: N/A

DRI Recommendation: N/A

General Land Use: Inconsistent
Planning Area B

Current Land Use Designation: Rural Residential and Vacant/Undeveloped

Future Land Use Designation: General Commercial and Single Family Residential

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses: Yes

Environmental Impacts: The property does lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.

City Services: Property is served by all city services.

Traffic Impact: Not available

Traffic Engineering: This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.

Surrounding Zoning:	North	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
	South	Single Family Residential – 1 (SFR1)
	East	Single Family Residential – 1 (SFR1)
	West	Residential Office (RO)

Reasonableness of Request: The request is compatible with existing land uses.

School Impact: N/A

Buffer Requirement: The site shall include a Category A buffer along all property lines bordered by the NC zoning district. The 3 options under Category A are:

- 1) 5 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.
- 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.
- 3) 20 feet undisturbed natural buffer.

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 **two inquiry** calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

Approval 0 Responses

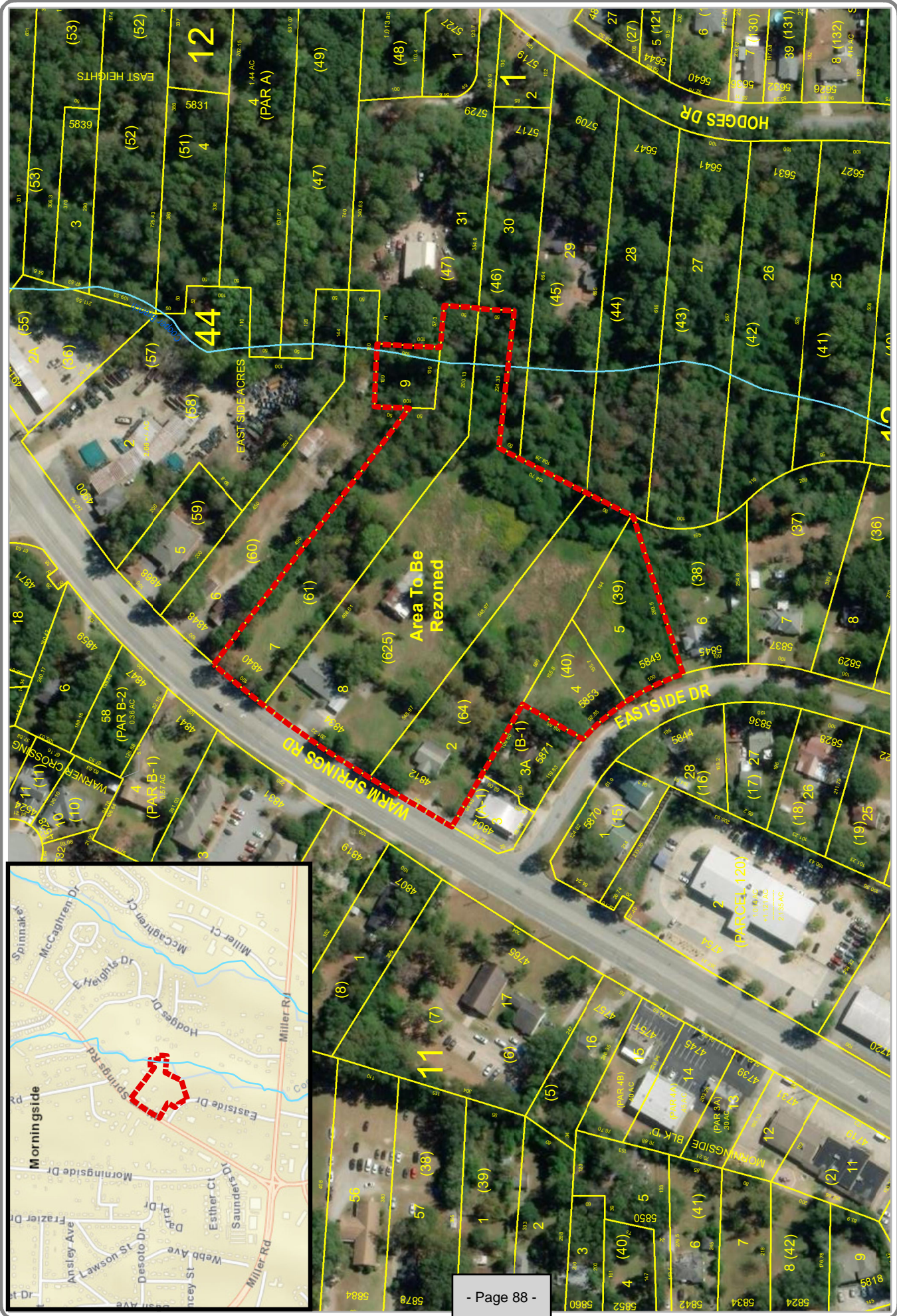
Opposition 0 Responses

Additional Information:

Senior Apartments for ages 55 and older. Three apartment buildings with 20 units each and a clubhouse.

Attachments:

- Aerial Land Use Map
- Location Map
- Zoning Map
- Existing Land Use Map
- Future Land Use Map
- Flood Map
- Concept Plan

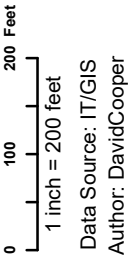
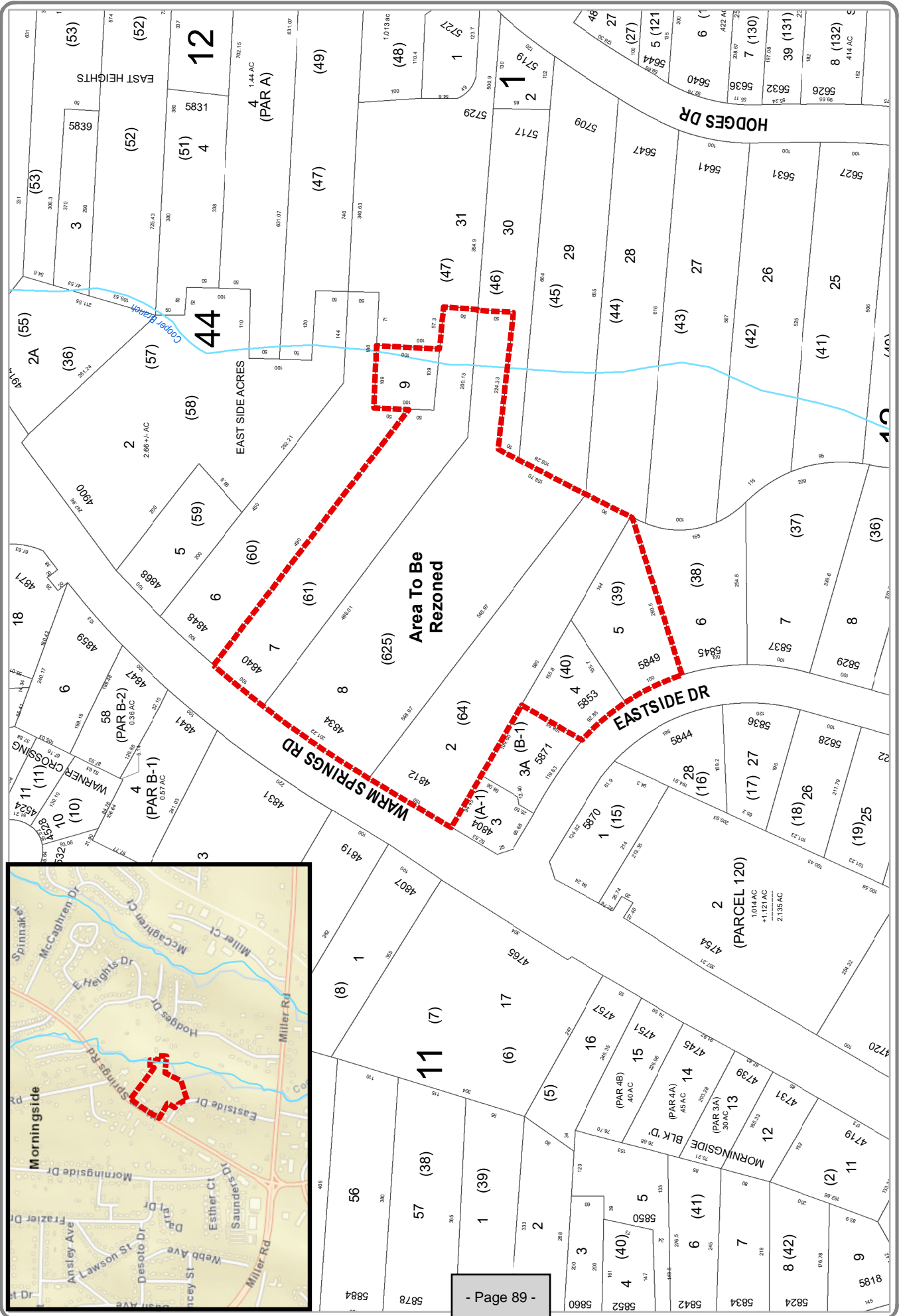


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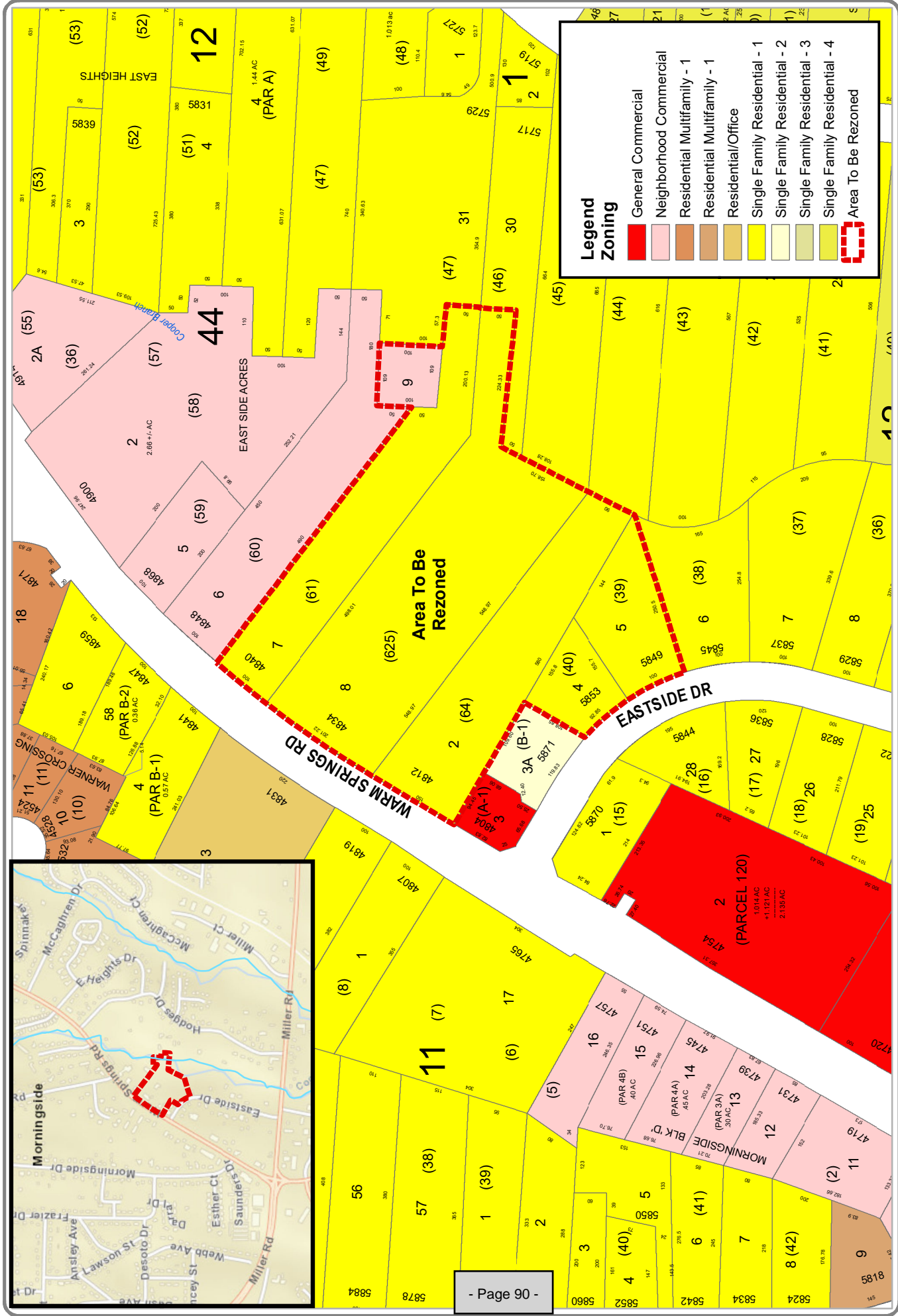


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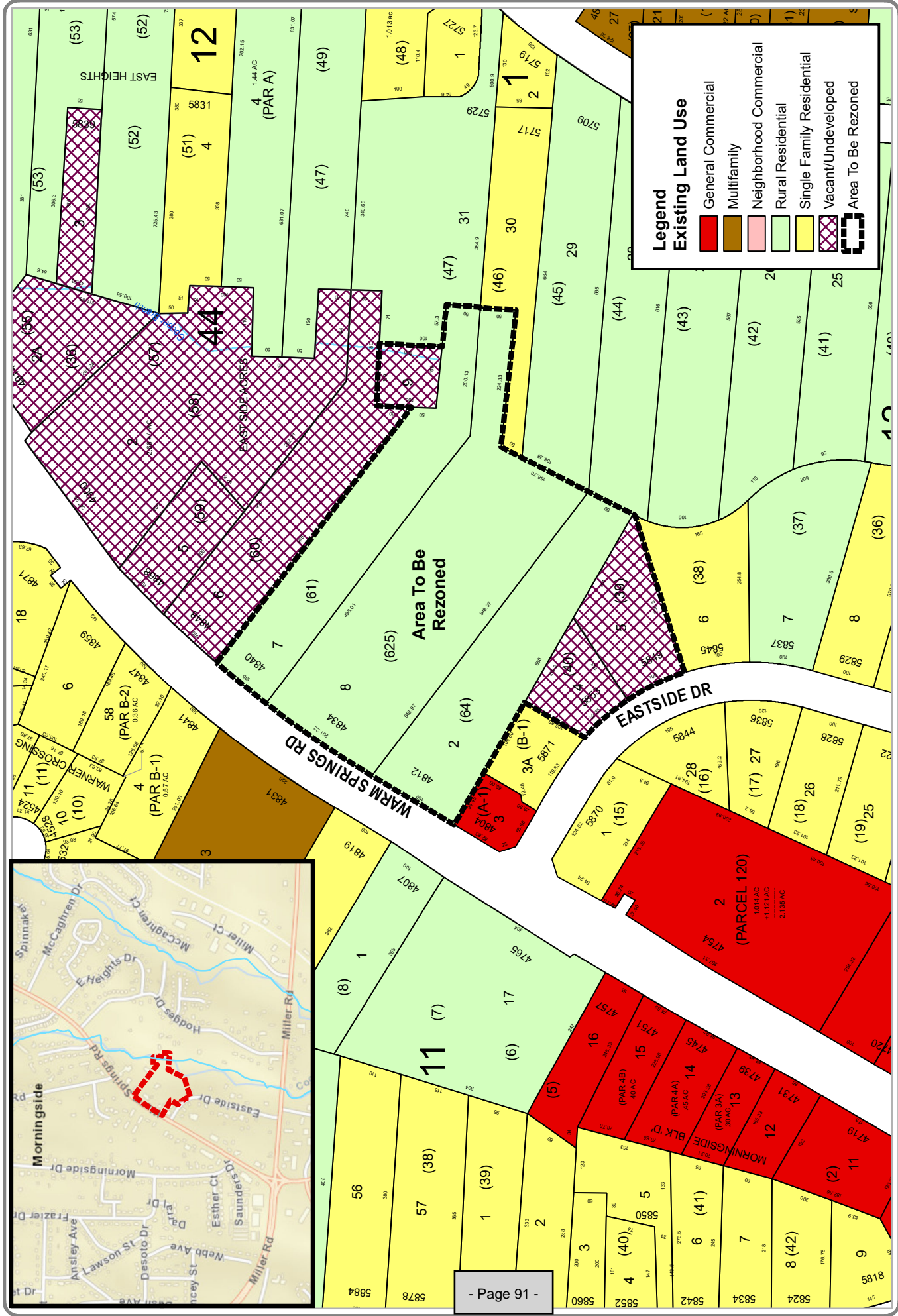
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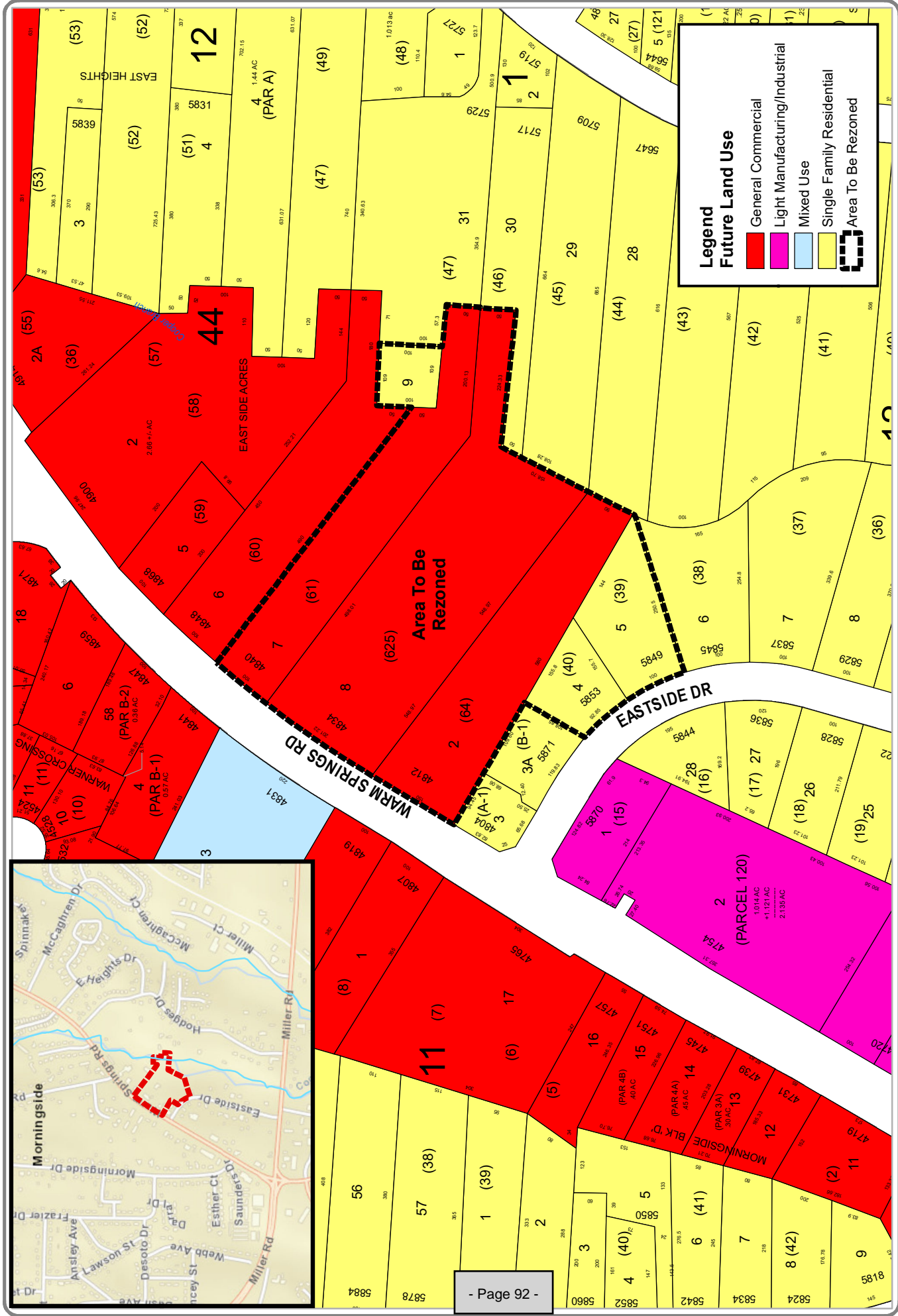


Legend Existing Land Use

- General Commercial
- Multifamily
- Neighborhood Commercial
- Rural Residential
- Single Family Residential
- Vacant/Undeveloped
- Area To Be Rezoned



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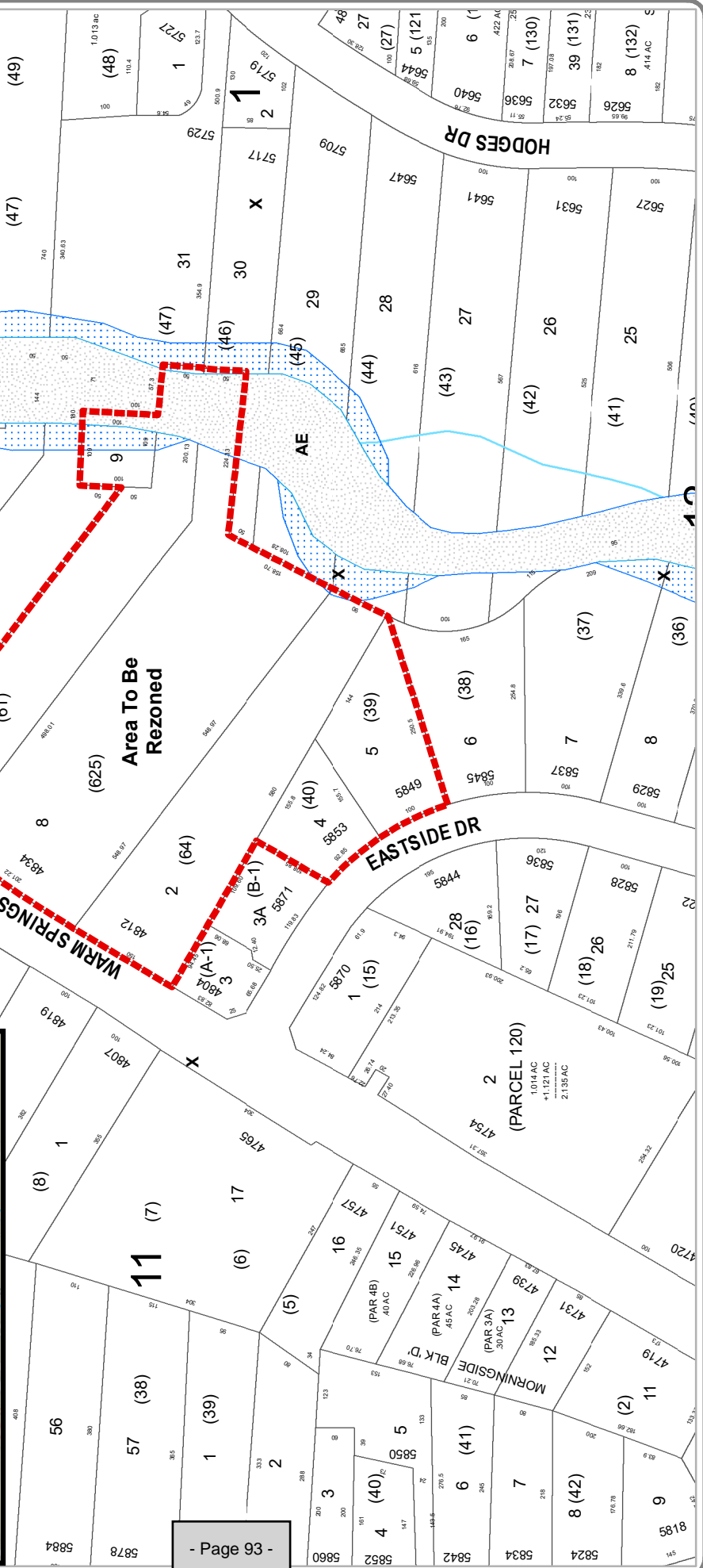
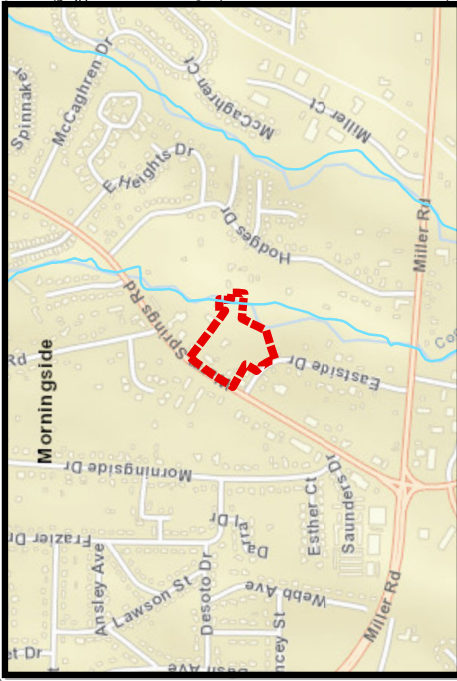
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Future Land Use Map for REZN 02-24-0347
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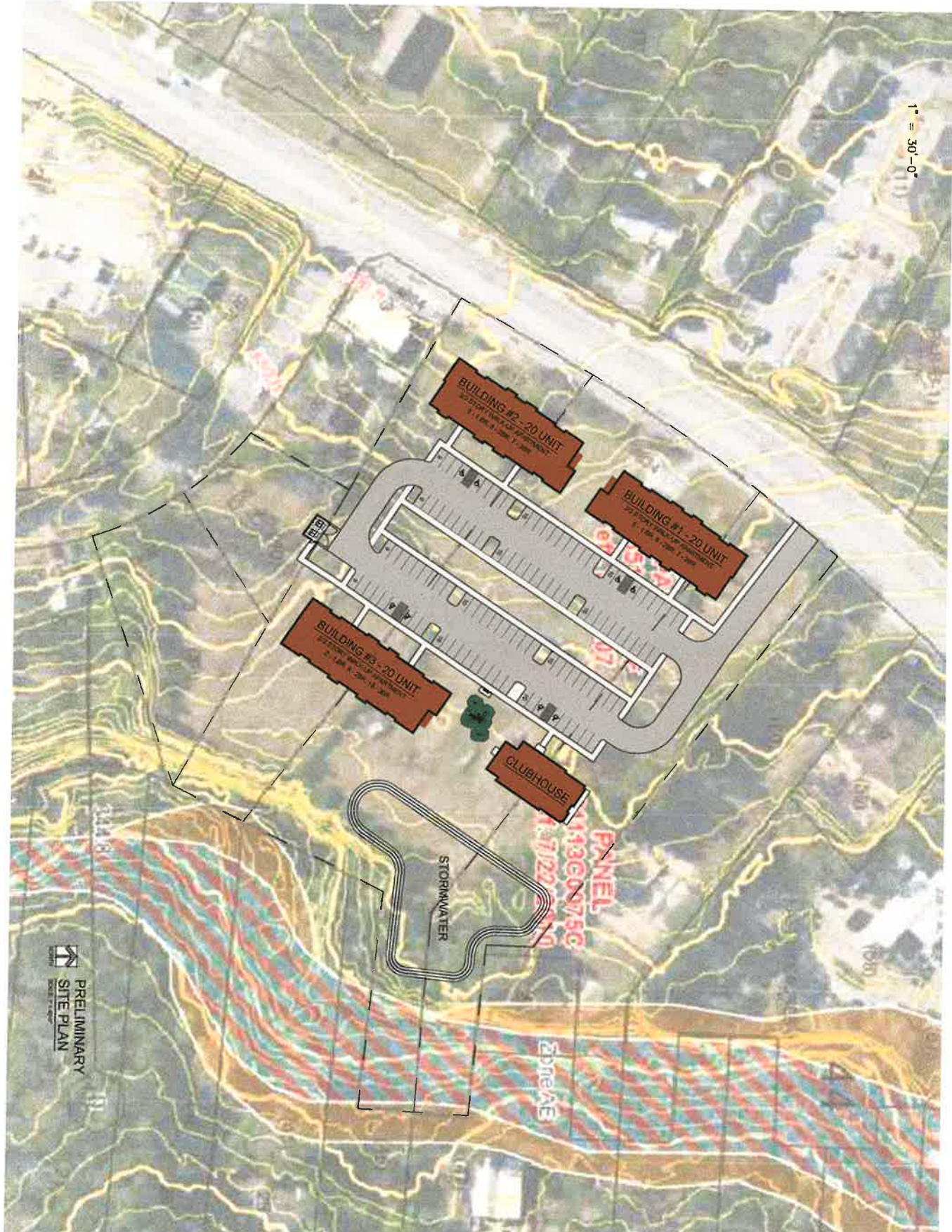


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PRELIMINARY
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PRELIMINARY DRAWING - NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

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PRELIMINARY SHEET DATES:
1/13/2024

File Attachments for Item:

5. 1st Reading- REZN-02-24-0349: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2911/3005/3007 3rd Avenue** (parcel # 007-003-007/012/013) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

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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 Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2) Zoning District.

“All that Lot or tract of Land Lying and being in Muscogee County, Georgia; being known and shown as All of Lot Numbered Twenty- Seven (27), in Block Numbered Thirteen (13), North Highland Land Improvement and Manufacturing Company as said property is shown on a survey recorded at Plat Book 95 Page 88 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia.

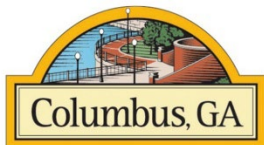
Subject to all applicable restrictions, covenants, easements and right of ways affecting said property.”

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COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-02-24-0349

Applicant:	MGBibb, LLC (Matthew Gaylor & Terry Montgomery)
Owner:	Same
Location:	2911/3005/3007 3rd Ave
Parcel:	007-003-007/012/013
Acreage:	0.96 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)
Proposed Zoning Classification:	Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2)
Current Use of Property:	Vacant
Proposed Use of Property:	Multifamily Residential
Council District:	District 8 (Garrett)
PAC Recommendation:	Approval based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
Planning Department Recommendation:	Approval based on compatibility with existing land uses.
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
General Land Use:	Inconsistent Planning Area F
Current Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential and Vacant/Undeveloped

Future Land Use Designation: Mixed Use

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses: Yes

Environmental Impacts: The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.

City Services: Property is served by all city services.

Traffic Impact: Not available

Traffic Engineering: This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.

Surrounding Zoning:

North	Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)
South	Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)
East	Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)
West	General Commercial (GC)

Reasonableness of Request: The request is compatible with existing land uses.

School Impact: N/A

Buffer Requirement: The site shall include a Category A buffer along all property lines bordered by the LMI zoning district. The 3 options under Category A are:

- 1) 5 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.
- 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.
- 3) 20 feet undisturbed natural buffer.

Attitude of Property Owners: **Forty Five (45)** property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received **no** calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

Approval **0 Responses**

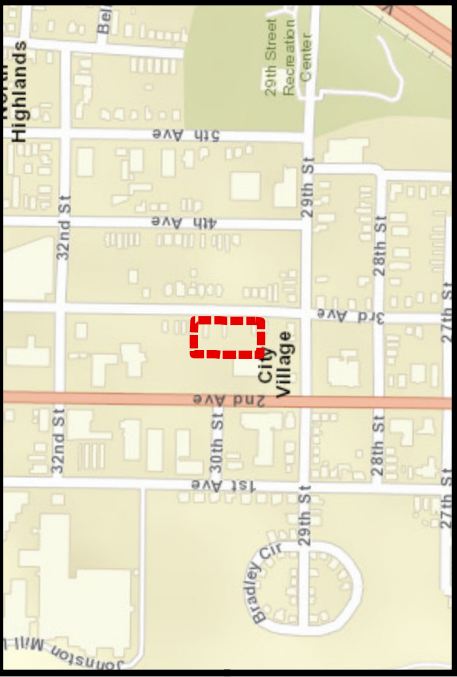
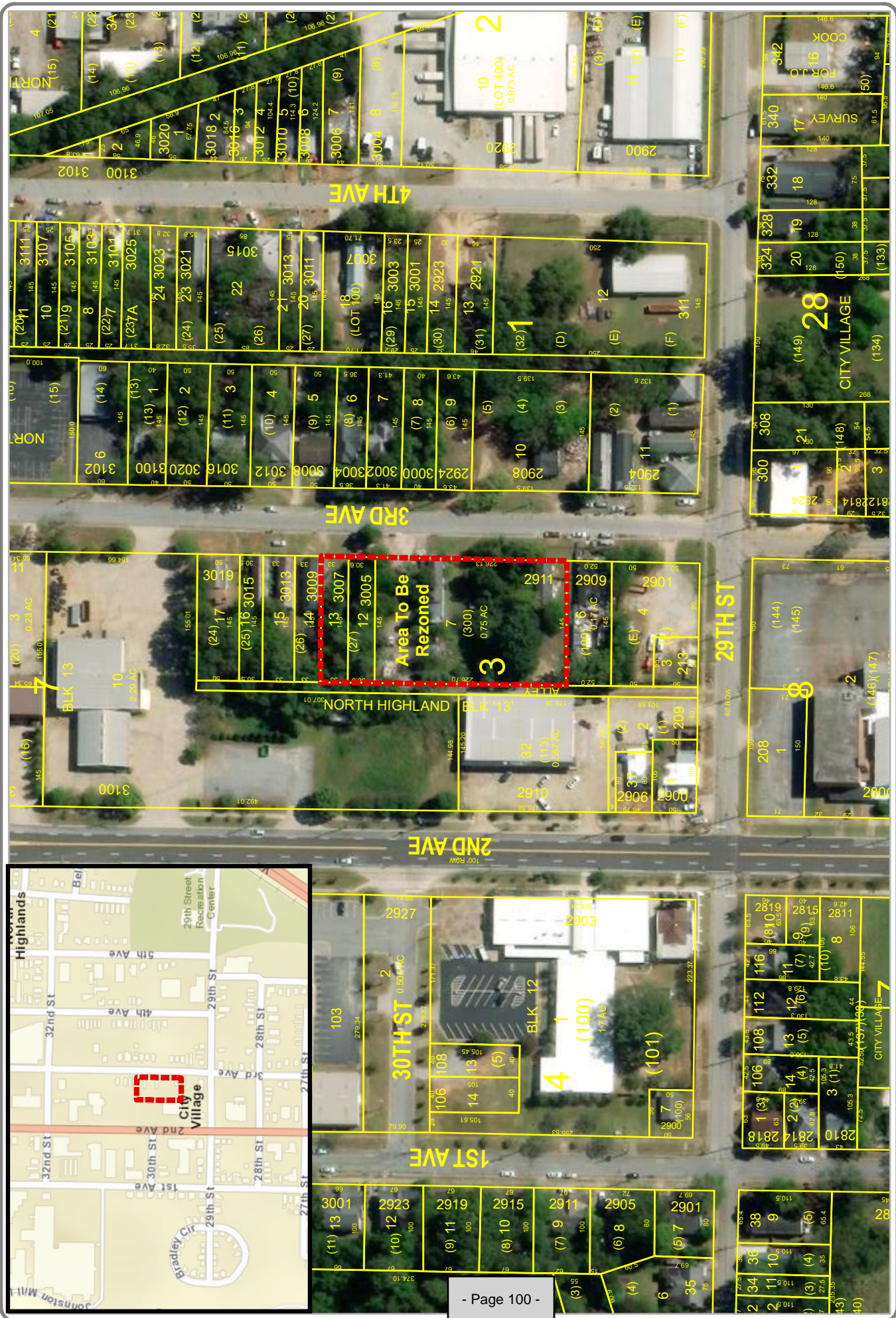
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Additional Information:

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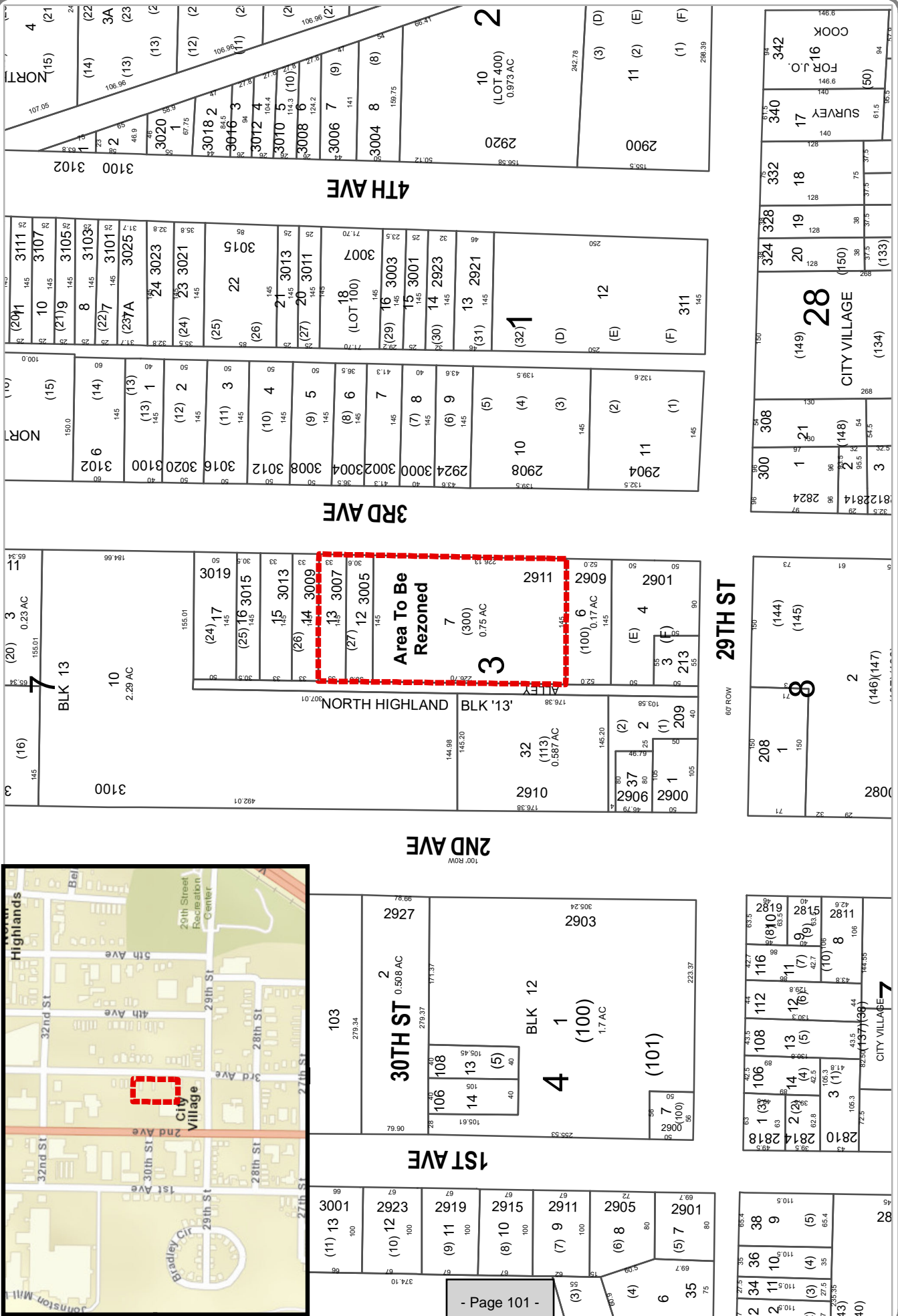
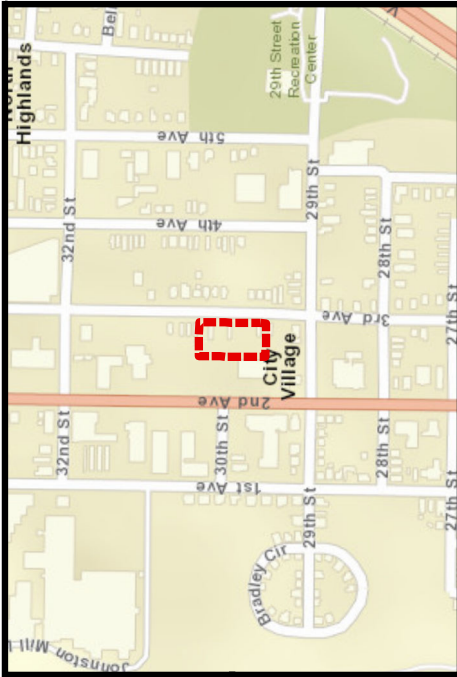
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Aerial Map for REZN 02-24-0349
 Map 007 Block 003 Lots 007, 012 & 013
 Planning Department-Planning Division
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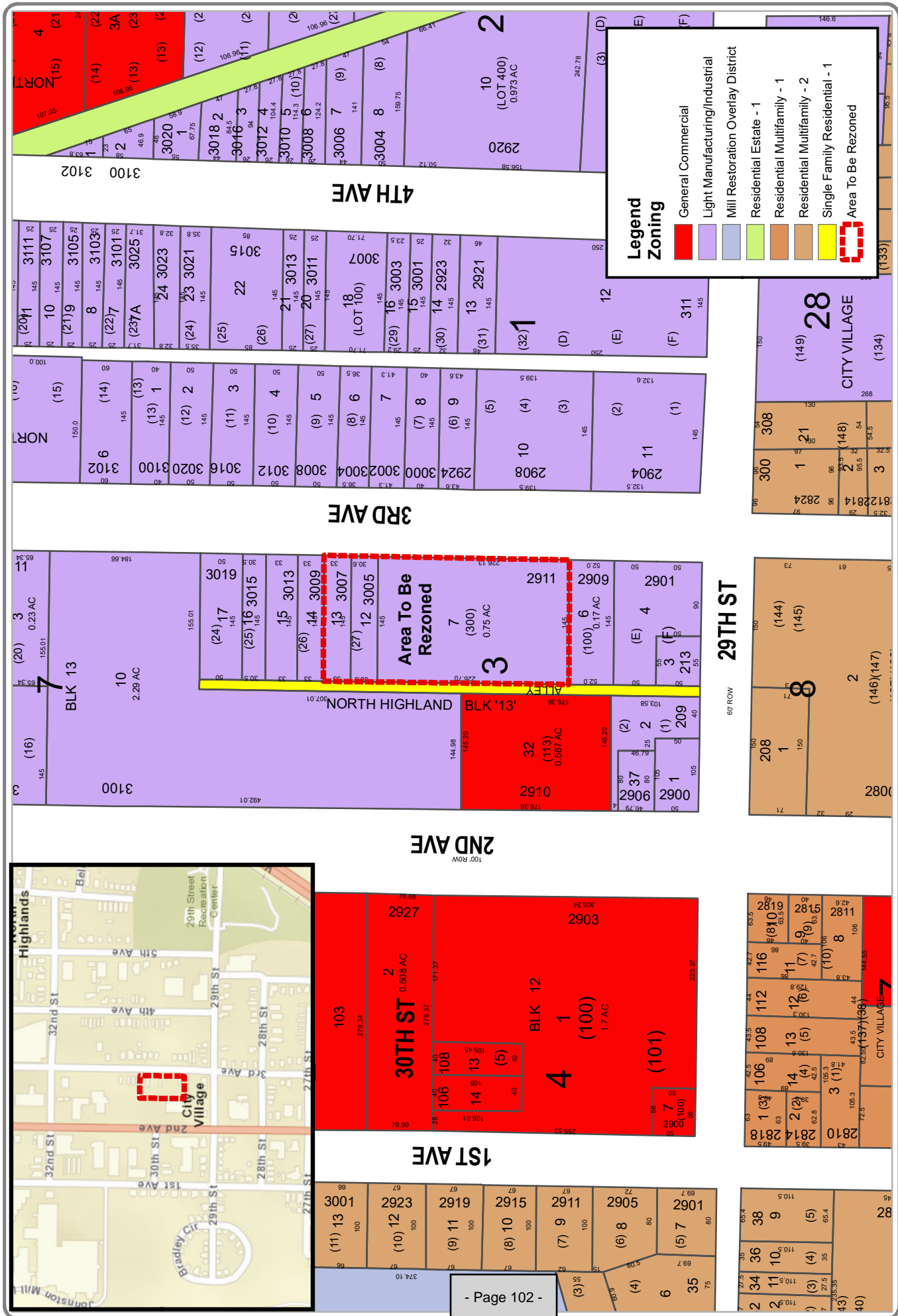


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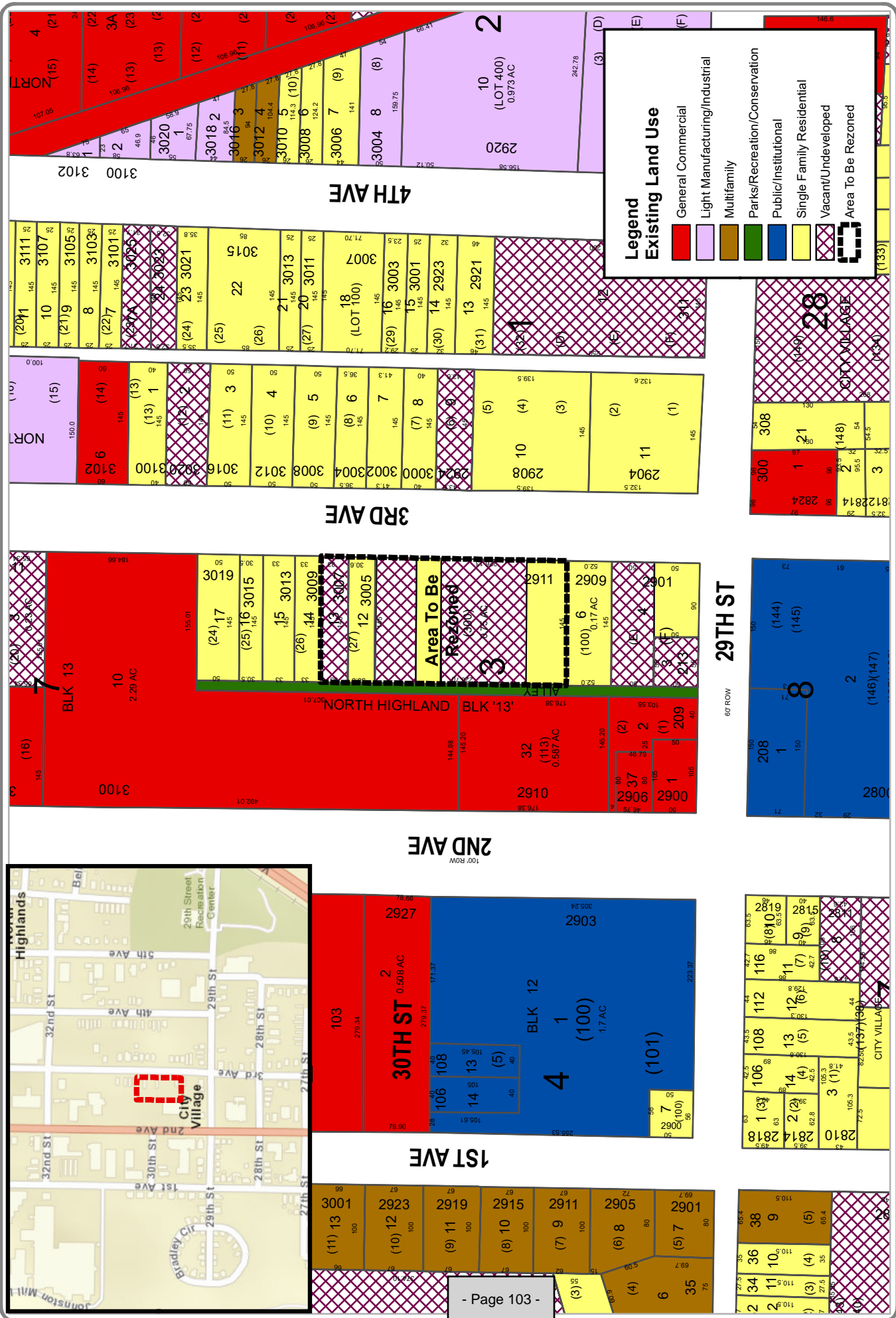
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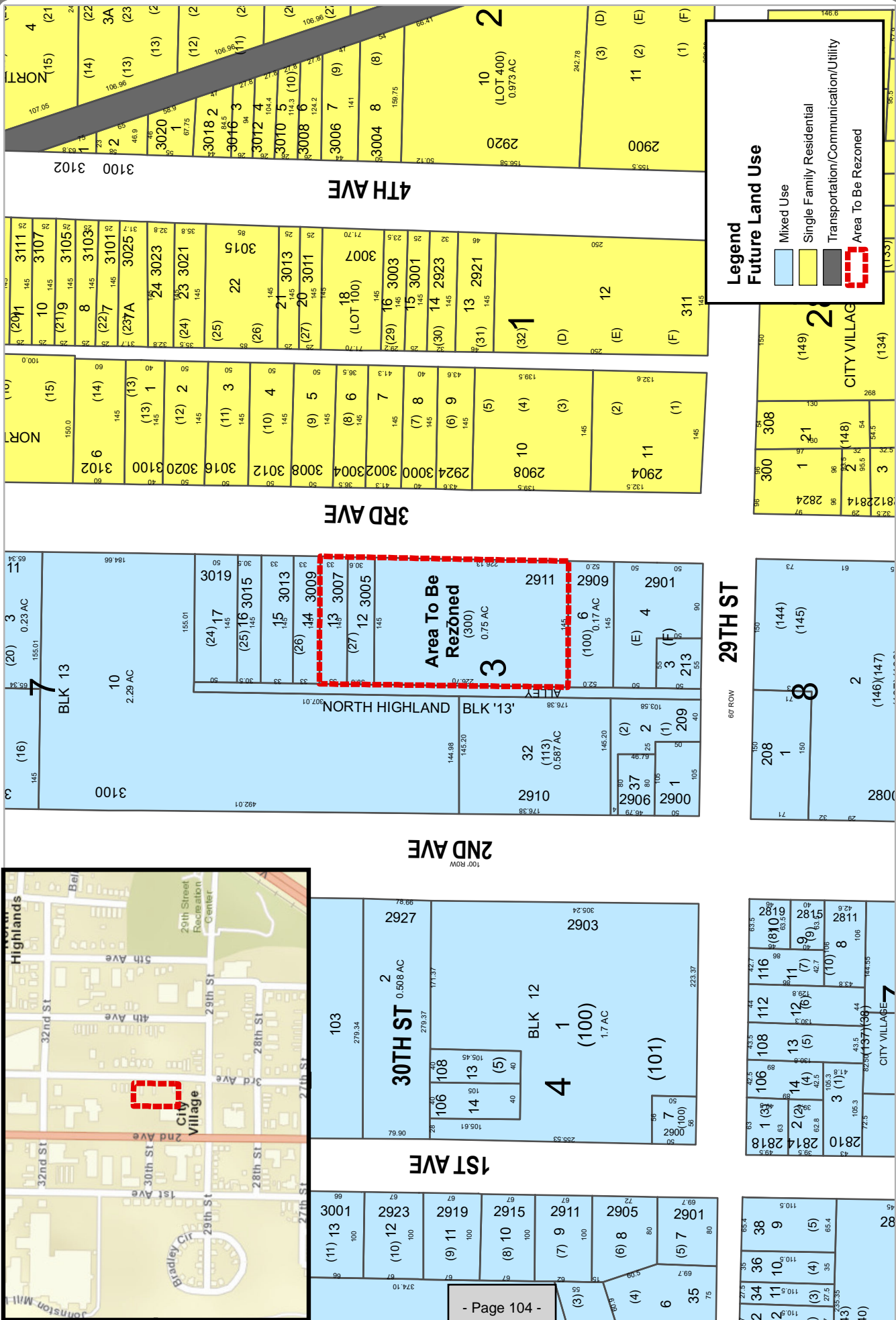
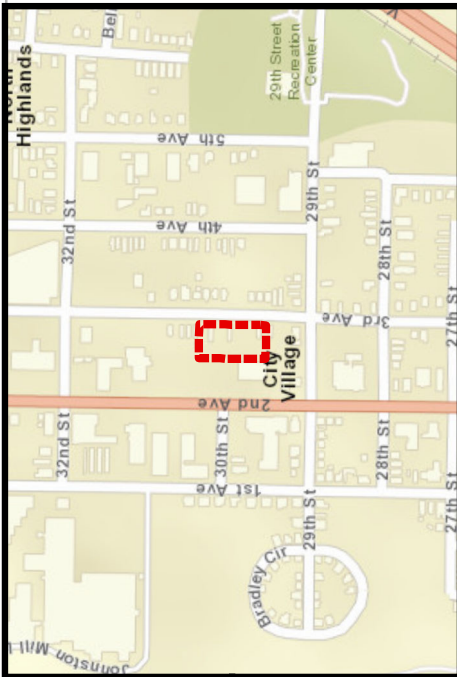
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Existing Land Use Map for REZN 02-24-0349
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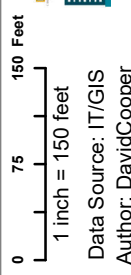
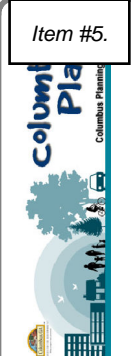
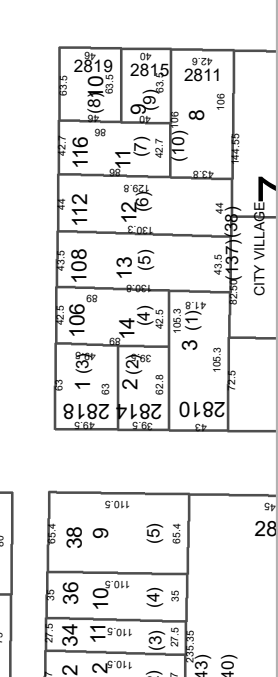
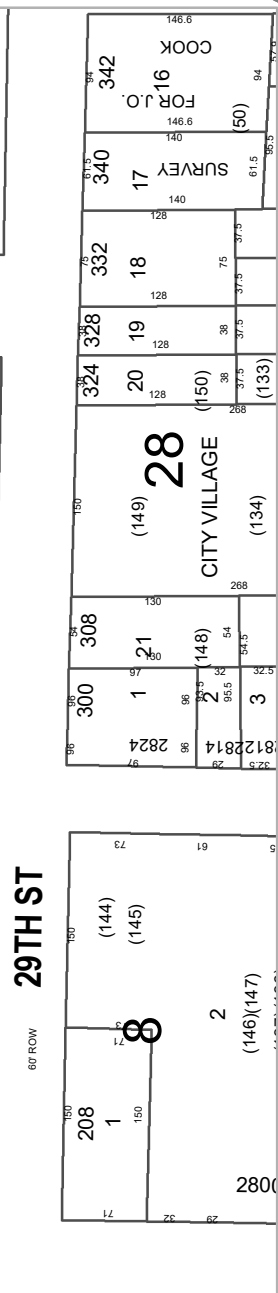
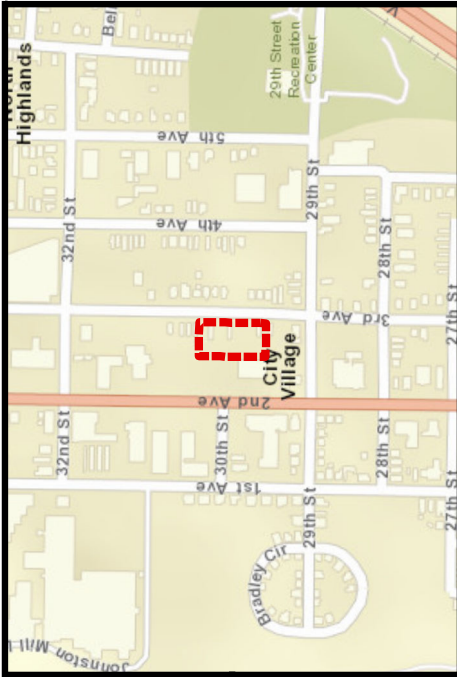


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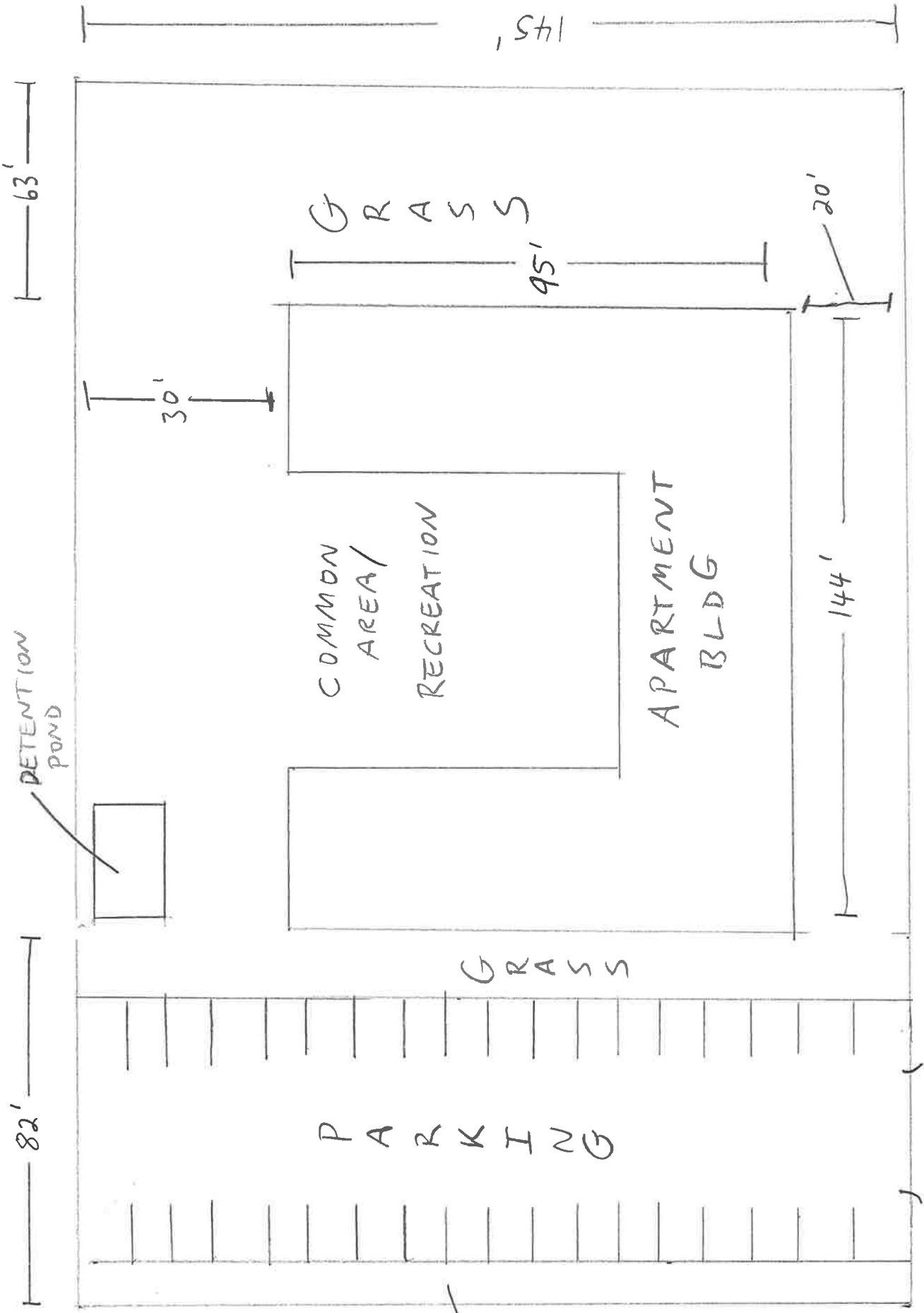


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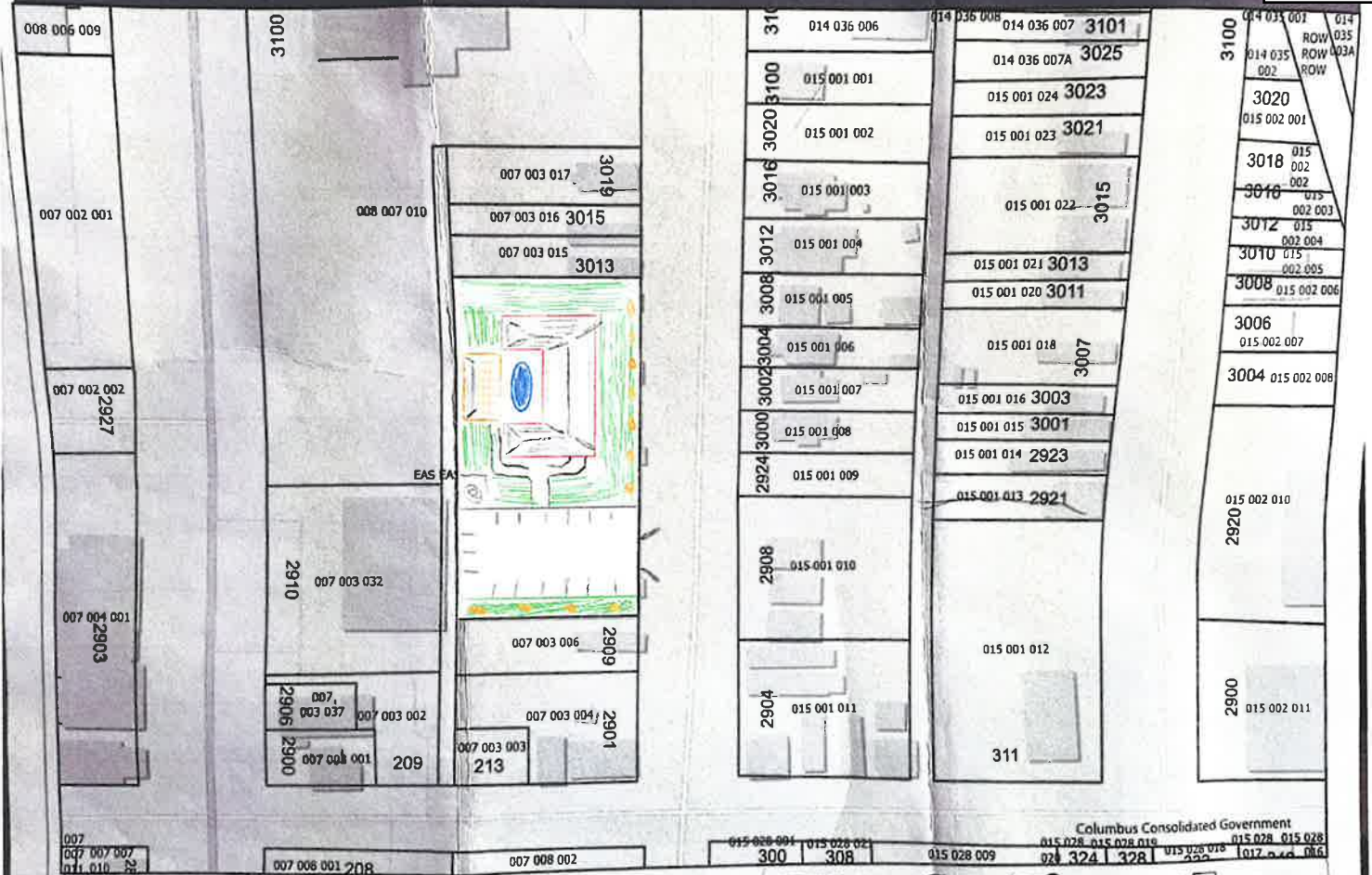
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- Tax Parcels - 2022
- Public ROW
- Railroad
- Waterbodies

3rd Ave MG Bibb Rezone Project

- The property in question was acquired throughout 2022-2023 from individual homeowners/estates. Moon & Meeks surveyors parceled individual properties into one large lot now seen as 2911 3rd Ave. 3005 and 3007 3rd Ave will also be included on the site plans and added to the parcel of 2911 3rd Ave prior to construction. These properties were blighted and abandoned, with homeless encampments on the properties and many unsafe living conditions. W.T. Miller was hired to demolish all homes and clear/grade lot of debris and any unsafe conditions present. All water and utilities were discontinued to the properties and the land is now clear of all structures/debris. We will plan to use municipal water source/sewage for the property and will have an onsite water detention facility located on the rear left of the development that is in line with a current rain water system in place. Our goal with the property once approved for RMF2 zoning would be to build a 16-unit apartment building on site within all guidelines set forth by the zoning/engineering departments of the Columbus Consolidated Government. This development will help revitalize 3rd Avenue and return it to its original use of residential housing, as well as improve the quality of housing available in this area. Many of the homes/apartments in the area are dilapidated and in ill-repair and with the addition of a high end multi family residential building, we would hope to spark more interest in redevelopment of this neighborhood.

File Attachments for Item:

6. 1st Reading- REZN-03-24-0476: An Ordinance amending the text of Chapters 7, 9, and 13 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An Ordinance amending the text of Chapters 7, 9, and 13 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code.

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

Section 1.

Section 7.8.1.F of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by striking existing Section 7.8.1F and replacing it with a new paragraph 7.8.1 F to read as follows”

“F. *Limitation on Single Entrances.* A single entrance road to a subdivision shall serve no more than 120 lots/units.”

Section 2.

Section 7.9.1.A of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by striking existing Section 7.9.1 F and replacing it with a new paragraph 7.9.1F to read as follows:

“F. *Limitation on Single Entrances.* A single entrance road to a subdivision shall serve no more than 120 lots/units.”

Section 3.

Section 13.1.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended to add a new definition to read as follows:

“Sec. 13.1.1. Definitions.

Rhythm of spacing of buildings on streets means the relationship of spaces between buildings on a street should be retained when constructing new buildings or additions.”

Section 4.

Section 9.3.3.B of the Unified Development Ordinance pertaining to the powers and duties of the Board of Historical and Architectural Review is hereby amended to add a new item 14 to such powers and duties, the text to read as follows:

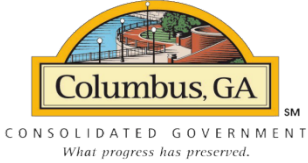
“14. *Rhythm of spacing of buildings on streets.* Make decisions regarding front, side, side-corner, and rear setbacks on primary structures. Said decisions shall not need BZA approval.”

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.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Barnes voting _____
- Councilor Begly voting _____
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- Councilor Crabb voting _____
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- Councilor Garrett voting _____
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- Councilor Thomas voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Sandra T Davis
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor



Planning Department

March 29, 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.

- 1. Subject:** (REZN-2-24-0476) Amend Section 7.8.1.F, 7.9.1.A – Limitation of Single Entrances. Amend Section 13.1.1 by adding a definition for Rhythm of spacing of buildings on streets. Amend Section 9.3.3.B by adding #14 *Rhythm of spacing of buildings on streets*.

UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE REVISIONS
 (Explanation of Revisions)

1. Explanation of Revisions: Amend Section 7.8.1.F by amending the minimum lot numbers for a single entrance to a residential development.

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE	PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGE
<p>Sec. 7.8.1.F Limitation of Single Entrances.</p> <p>Section 7.8.1.F</p> <p>F. <i>Limitation on Single Entrances.</i> A single entrance road to a subdivision shall serve no more than 99 lots.</p>	<p>Sec. 7.8.1.F Limitation of Single Entrances.</p> <p>Section 7.8.1.F</p> <p>F. <i>Limitation on Single Entrances.</i> A single entrance road to a subdivision shall serve no more than 120 lots/units.</p>

2. Explanation of Revisions: Amend Section 7.9.1.A by amending the minimum lot numbers for single entrance roads.

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE	PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGE
<p>Sec. 7.9.1.A Single Entrance Roads.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Section 7.9.1.A</p> <p>F. <i>Limitation on Single Entrances.</i> A single entrance road to a subdivision shall serve no more than 99 lots.</p>	<p>Sec. 7.9.1.A Single Entrance Roads.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Section 7.9.1.A</p> <p>F. <i>Limitation on Single Entrances.</i> A single entrance road to a subdivision shall serve no more than 120 lots/units.</p>

3. Explanation of Revisions: Amend Section 13.1.1 by adding a definition for Rhythm of spacing of buildings on streets.

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE	PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGE
<p>Sec. 13.1.1. Definitions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Section 13.1.1</p> <p>XXX</p>	<p>Sec. 13.1.1. Definitions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Section 13.1.1</p> <p><i>Rhythm of spacing of buildings on streets</i> means the relationship of spaces between buildings on a street should be retained when constructing new buildings or additions.</p>

4. Explanation of Revisions: Amend Section 9.3.3.B by adding #14 Rhythm of spacing of buildings on streets.

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE	PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGE
<p>Sec. 9.3.3.B Powers and Duties</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Section 9.3.3.B.14</p> <p>XXX</p>	<p>Sec. 9.3.3.B Powers and Duties</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Section 9.3.3.B.14</p> <p>14. Rhythm of spacing of buildings on streets. Make decisions regarding front, side, side-corner, and rear setbacks on primary structures. Said decisions shall not need BZA approval.</p>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

N/A

Recommendations:

The Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) considered this text amendment at their meeting on March 20,

2024. PAC recommended **approval** by a vote of 7-0.

The Planning Department recommends **approval**.

Sincerely,

Will Johnson
Planning Director

File Attachments for Item:

7. 1st Reading- An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:

1) **1655 Elvan Avenue** (Murtuza Ali Khan, Owner); 2) **2545 Pye Avenue** (Clark Property Management LLC, Owner); 3) **32 Woodland Circle** (Edna Anderson, Owner); 4) **2903 10th Avenue** (Dustin Cooper, Owner); and 5) **2409 Heard Street** (Estate of Catherine Greene, Owner);

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

AN ORDINANCE

NO.

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

- 1) 1655 Elvan Avenue (Murtuza Ali Khan, Owner)
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and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet.

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

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

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

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

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in the total amount of **\$66,774.54** for demolition services; and

WHEREAS, funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget, Community Development Block Grant-Neighborhood Redevelopment-Site Improvements. (Demolitions under City contracts are funded by the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and the General Fund (0101-240-2200-6381).

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

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

SECTION 2.

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

SECTION 3.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 9th day of April, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said council held on the 23rd day of April 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmation vote of members of Council.

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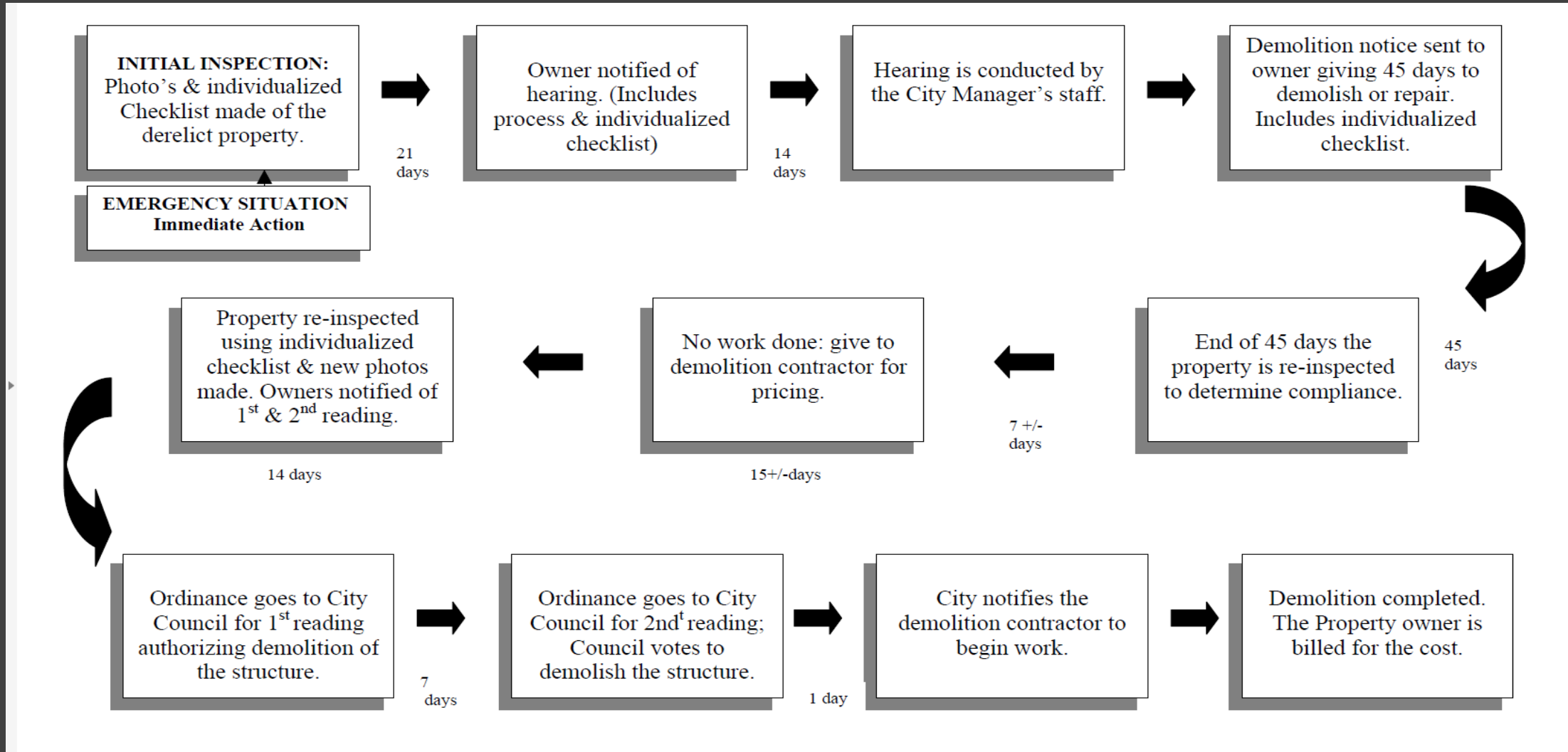
April 2024 Demolition Bid Tabulation Sheet	
Property	Demolition Amount
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TOTAL	\$66,774.54



INSPECTIONS & CODE DEPARTMENT

Demolition Properties

Demolition Process



January 2024 Approved Demolitions

Property	Status
1) 2937 10th Street (Robin Thompson & Robert J. Holston, Owner)	Demolition Starting 4/11
2) 480 Timberlane Drive (Estate of Kathryn/Jacquelyn Wiggins, Owner)	Demolition Complete
3) 406 17th Avenue (Lamroz LLC, Owner)	Demolition Complete
4) 4131 2nd Avenue (Jonnie L. General, Owner)	Pending Demolition
5) 5210 Forrest Road (Premium Oil Station No. 6, Owner)	Demolition Complete
6) 2904 9th Street (Malissa Hall, Owner)	Demolition Complete

Tabulation Bid Sheet – WT Miller April 2024

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Proposed
Properties to
be Demolished

1655 Elvan Avenue (Murtuza Ali Khan, Owner)



2545 Pye Avenue (Clark Property Management, LLC)

Item #7.



32 Woodland Circle (Edna Anderson, Owner)



2903 10th Avenue (Dustin Cooper, Owner)



2409 Heard Street (Estate of Catherine Greene, Owner)





INSPECTIONS & CODE DEPARTMENT

Questions?

2409 Heard Street (Estate of Catherine Greene, Owner)



File Attachments for Item:

8. An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:1) **1118 Broadway** (Mary C Wohlwender, Owner)2) **1120 Broadway** (Mary C Wohlwender, Owner) and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

April 2024 Demolition Bid Tabulation Sheet	
Property	Demolition Amount
1) 1118 Broadway (Mary Wohlwender, Owner)	\$163,619.72
2) 1120 Broadway (Mary Wohlwender, Owner)	\$163,540.20
TOTAL	\$327,159.92

AN ORDINANCE

NO.

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

- 1) 1118 Broadway (Mary C Wohlwender, Owner)
- 2) 1120 Broadway (Mary C Wohlwender, Owner)

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

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8-90 of the Columbus Code, is hereby authorized.

SECTION 2.

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

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

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1118 & 1120 Broadway

1118 & 1120 Broadway (Mary C. Wohlwender, Owner)



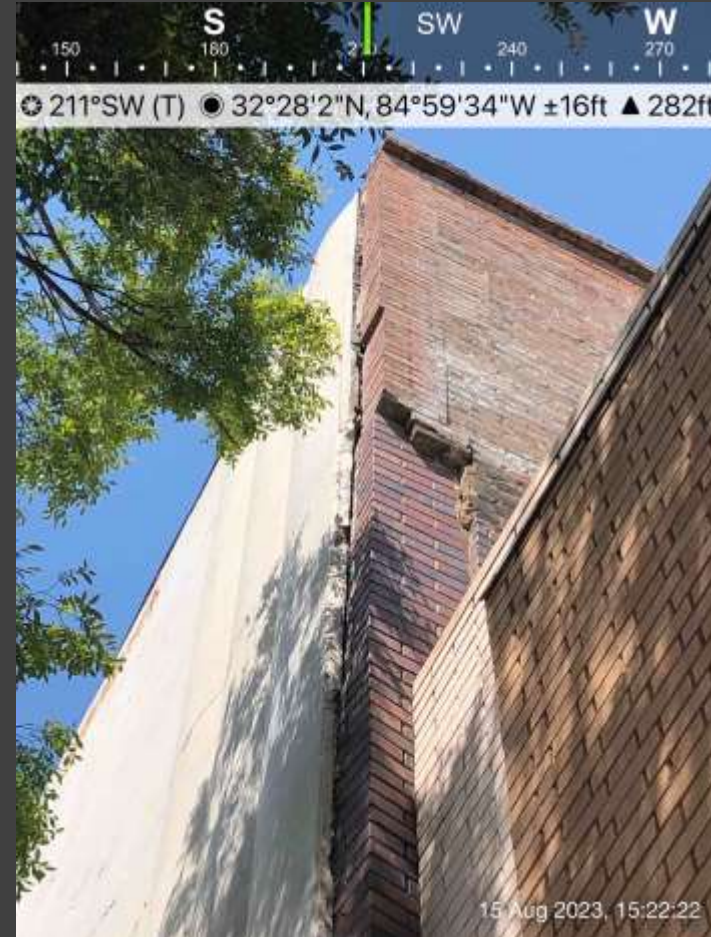
1118 & 1120 Broadway

- Inspections and Code was notified on August 16, 2023, that the interior structure of 1118 Broadway had collapsed.
- Inspections and Code immediately visited the property and assessed its condition. Following this review, it was determined that the structure was an imminent danger to neighboring properties and the public.
- Inspections and Code immediately closed the adjacent sidewalk to protect the public. Correspondence was overnighted to the owner notifying them of the condition of the property and ordering immediate action.
- In the following days, Inspections and Code assessed the condition of neighboring properties at 1112 and 1120 Broadway. All three properties are owned by the same individual. Following this review, it was determined that 1120 Broadway also met the criteria for demolition.

1118 & 1120 Broadway

- Inspections and Code consulted with Wright Engineering on the best course of action regarding the properties.
- The recommendation of Wright Engineering and mine as the Building Official, is these properties be demolished to remove the blight and the danger to the public and neighboring properties.
- If the properties are not approved for demolition, the sidewalk will remain closed to prevent any danger to the public.

1118 & 1120 Broadway (Mary C. Wohlwender, Owner)





INSPECTIONS & CODE DEPARTMENT

Questions?

File Attachments for Item:

1. Integrated Waste One Cart System

Approval is requested to implement the one-cart waste collection system for City issued carts effective July 1, 2024. The one cart system is a method of collecting waste curbside with an automated collection truck. The one cart system is a best practice operation that is being implemented throughout the solid waste industry.

The one cart system provides a uniform collection process eliminating un containerized waste. By implementing the one cart system it will eliminate ground trash, litter and scavenging by varmints. Also, the system will streamline the collection process which will improve the efficiency of the collection method. This will improve the aesthetics of the community.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #1.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Integrated Waste One Cart System
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to implement the one-cart waste collection system for City issued carts effective July 1, 2024. The one cart system is a method of collecting waste curbside with an automated collection truck. The one cart system is a best practice operation that is being implemented throughout the solid waste industry. The one cart system provides a uniform collection process eliminating un containerized waste. By implementing the one cart system it will eliminate ground trash, litter and scavenging by varmints. Also, the system will streamline the collection process which will improve the efficiency of the collection method. This will improve the aesthetics of the community.
INITIATED BY:	Public Works

Recommendation: Approval is requested to implement the one cart system.

Background: The Department of Public Works, Integrated Waste Division has purchased and distributed the carts necessary for the one cart system.

Analysis: The Department of Public Works, Integrated Waste, has the necessary equipment to begin the collection process effective July 1, 2024.

Financial Considerations: The funding will be provided through The Public Works Department, Integrated Waste Division. Through future fees the program will become self-sustaining. The citizen will incur a one-time fee per cart if a second cart is needed to containerize additional waste.

Legal Considerations: The Department of Public Works, Integrated Waste, will be responsible for providing all collection services.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to accept the one cart collection system effective July 1, 2024.

**RESOLUTION
NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE ONE CART COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR CITY ISSUED CARTS ONLY EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024. CITY ISSUED CARTS ARE CARTS PROVIDED TO RESIDENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES; BLACK CART – HOUSEHOLD WASTE, GREEN CART – YARD WASTE, AND BLUE CART – RECYCLING. THE ONE CART SYSTEM IS A METHOD OF COLLECTING WASTE CURBSIDE WITH AN AUTOMATED COLLECTION TRUCK. THE ONE CART SYSTEM IS A BEST PRACTICE OPERATION THAT IS BEING IMPLEMENTED THROUGHOUT THE SOLID WASTE INDUSTRY.

Item #1.

THE ONE CART SYSTEM PROVIDES A UNIFORM COLLECTION PROCESS ELIMINATING UN-CONTAINERIZED WASTE. BY IMPLEMENTING THE ONE CART SYSTEM IT WILL ELIMINATE GROUND TRASH, LITTER AND SCAVENGING BY VARMINTS. ALSO, THE SYSTEM WILL STREAMLINE THE COLLECTION PROCESS, WHICH WILL IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE COLLECTION METHOD. THIS WILL IMPROVE THE AESTHETICS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, The Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) desires to provide citizens with a fair and equitable solution to the collection method; and,

WHEREAS, the assurance of citizens participating in the one cart system will provide a streamlined collection process which will improve the efficiency of the collection method; and,

WHEREAS, eliminating the need for additional resources to collect household garbage; and,

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

The City Manager is authorized to implement the one cart systems for customers to eliminate ground trash with the goal of improving and enhancing our residential collection program.

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

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

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

2. METRA's 2024 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

Approval is requested to submit the 2024 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP), and to implement this Safety Plan in compliance with federal requirements is also recommended.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #2.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	METRA’s 2024 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit the 2024 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP), and to implement this Safety Plan in compliance with federal requirements is also recommended.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Transportation/METRA

Recommendations: Approval is requested to submit the 2024 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP), and to implement this Safety Plan in compliance with federal requirements is also recommended.

Background: The Department of Transportation/METRA is a recipient of FTA Chapter 5307 funds. The FTA promulgated new requirements in its final rule 49 C.F.R. Part 673 that recipients of FTA Chapter 5307 funds must develop and implement a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) based on Safety Management Systems (SMS) principles and methods by July of 2020. In response, a Safety Plan was developed by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), and the Department of Transportation/METRA on behalf of the City to comply with the new requirements in FTA Part 673. The plan has been amended in 2023, incorporating applicable PTASP requirements in 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d) and in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Analysis: By approving and authorizing the 2024 Safety Plan’s implementation, the City will be compliant with the new federal requirements.

Financial Considerations: A full-time position at METRA, the Chief Safety Officer, was created in 2021 in compliance with applicable federal regulations. The position is budget neutral. METRA’s Transit Compliance Officer is serving as interim Chief Safety Officer.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney has reviewed and approved this Safety Plan as to form.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to submit the 2024 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP), and to implement this Safety Plan in compliance with federal requirements is also recommended.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND SUBMITAL OF A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN (PTASP) ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation/METRA is a recipient of FTA Chapter 5307 funds; and,

WHEREAS, the FTA promulgated in its final rule 49 C.F.R. Part 673 that recipients of FTA Chapter 5307 funds must develop and implement a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) based on Safety Management Systems (SMS) principles and methods; and,

WHEREAS, the plan was developed by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Department of Transportation /METRA and complies with FTA Part 673 requirements; and,

WHEREAS, the plan was amended, incorporating applicable PTASP requirements in 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d) and in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

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

The Columbus City Council has reviewed and approved this Safety Plan and authorizes the Transportation Director to approve, submit and implement this Safety Plan on behalf of the City and in compliance with federal requirements.

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

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor 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

METRA TRANSIT SYSTEM

SAFETY PLAN

DECEMBER 2023



AS REVISED: 12-31-2023

AUTHORIZATIONS

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act granted the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) the authority to establish and enforce a comprehensive framework to oversee the safety of transit bus systems throughout the United States. On July 19, 2018, the FTA promulgated its final rule 49 C.F.R. Part 673 - Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) which requires recipients of FTA Chapter 5307 funds to develop and implement a safety plan based on Safety Management Systems (SMS) principles and methods.

METRA establishes this Safety Plan as our agency's commitment to system safety and the principles of SMS. The objectives of our plan are to:

- Increase the safety of our transit system by proactively identifying, assessing, and controlling risks;
- Continually improve safety performance;
- Improve the commitment of transit leadership to safety; and
- Foster a culture of safety awareness and responsiveness.

METRA is committed to implementing a systematic and comprehensive safety program. Leadership will visibly demonstrate its commitment to safety by monitoring hazards, enforcing, and supporting safety programs, and promoting an open and transparent environment to discuss and address safety issues.

This Safety Plan was developed by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), and METRA has adopted it to comply with FTA Part 673 requirements. The Columbus City Council, the Transportation Director and Chief Safety Officer have reviewed and approved this Safety Plan and assure that its contents establish a comprehensive SMS framework and meet the requirements of Part 673.

To ensure that the necessary processes are in place to accomplish both enhanced safety at the local level and the goals of the National Public Transportation Safety Plan (NPTSP), METRA has adopted this PTASP and the tenets of SMS including a Safety Management Policy (SMP) and the processes for Safety Risk Management (SRM), Safety Assurance (SA), and Safety Promotion (SP), per 49 USC 5329(d)(1)(A). While safety has always been a primary function at METRA, this document lays out a process to fully implement an SMS over the next several years that complies with the PTASP final rule, as amended.

Additionally, FTA recently released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) with proposed revisions to the NPTSP to address the new requirements in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to further advance transit safety. The revision supersedes the one which FTA published in January 2017. It lays out a performance-based approach to reduce injuries and fatalities on transit systems under FTA's safety jurisdiction. If these changes are ratified, this plan will be updated to include safety training for maintenance staff as well as de-escalation training for all safety sensitive personnel. Three new Safety Performance Measures will be added for tracking including "Transit Worker Fatality Rate," "Assaults on Transit Workers," and "Rate of Assaults on Transit Workers." This plan will then be updated to include two new Safety Risk Reduction Program Measures which are

“Assaults on Transit Workers” and “Rate of Assaults on Transit Workers, both of which are already reported by METRA to the FTA through the National Transit Database (NTD).

Safety is a core business function of all public transportation providers and should be systematically applied to every aspect of service delivery. At METRA, all levels of management, administration and operations are responsible for the safety of their customers and themselves.

This PTASP will be distributed to all transit employees and will be reviewed and updated annually.

APPROVED BY	DATE
ROSA EVANS, TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR 	12/27/2023
METRA SAFETY COMMITTEE [See Page 23 for Safety Committee Approval Resolution]	12/27/23

REVISION RECORD

REVISION #	REVIEW DATE	REVIEWER	REVISION DATE	APPROVED BY
1	_/_/21			
2	11/09/22	ROBERT SHERIDAN, TRANSIT COMPLIANCE OFFICER, METRA TRANSIT SYSTEM	12/12/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • METRA SAFETY COMMITTEE- 12/12/22 • ROSA EVANS, ACCOUNTABLE EXECUTIVE- 12/12/22 • MPO – TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE- 1/12/23 • MPO – POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE- 1/17/23 • COLUMBUS, GA CITY COUNCIL- 3/14/23
3	12/31/23	ROBERT SHERIDAN, TRANSIT COMPLIANCE OFFICER, METRA TRANSIT SYSTEM	12/31/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • METRA SAFETY COMMITTEE- 12/27/23 • ROSA EVANS, ACCOUNTABLE EXECUTIVE- 12/27/23 • MPO – TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE- 3/14/24 • MPO – POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE- 3/19/24
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DEFINITIONS

Accident: An event that involves any of the following – loss of life; a report of a serious injury to a person; a collision of a public transit vehicle; an evacuation for life safety reasons at any location, at any time, whatever the cause.

Accountable Executive: A single, identifiable person who has ultimate responsibility for carrying out the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan of a public transportation agency; responsibility for carrying out the Agency's Transit Asset Management Plan; and control or direction over the human and capital resources needed to develop and maintain both the Agency's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d), and the Agency's Transit Asset Management Plan in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 5326.

Agency Leadership and Executive Management: Those members of agency leadership or executive management (other than an Accountable Executive, CSO, or SMS Executive) who have authorities or responsibilities for day-to-day implementation and operation of an agency's SMS.

Chief Safety Officer (CSO): An adequately trained individual who has responsibility for safety and reports directly to a transit agency's chief executive officer, general manager, president, or equivalent officer. A Chief Safety Officer may not serve in other operational or maintenance capacities, unless the Chief Safety Officer is employed by a transit agency that is a small public transportation provider as defined in this part, or a public transportation provider that does not operate a rail fixed guideway public transportation system.

Event: Any accident, incident, or occurrence.

Hazard: A condition that has the potential to cause injury, illness, death, or property damage.

Fatality: A death or suicide confirmed within 30 days of a reported event. Does not include deaths in or on transit property that are a result of illness or other natural causes; a death due to, Collision (including suicides), Fire, Hazardous material spill, Acts of God, System, or personal security event (including suicides), and other safety events.

Hazard Likelihood: Probability of a hazard consequence to occur.

Hazard Severity: The effect/damaging result of a hazards consequence.

Incident: An event that involves any of the following – a personal injury that is not a serious injury; one or more injuries requiring medical transport; or damage to facilities, equipment, rolling stock, or infrastructure that disrupts the operations of a transit agency.

Investigation: The process of determining the causal and contributing factors of an accident, incident, or hazard, for the purpose of preventing recurrence and mitigating risk

Injury: Any damage or harm to persons that requires immediate medical attention away from the scene because of a reportable event. Agencies must report each person transported away from the scene for medical attention as an injury, whether or not the person appears to be injured.

Key staff: A group of staff or committees to support the Accountable Executive, CSO, or SMS Executive in developing, implementing, and operating the agency's SMS.

Major Mechanical Failures: Failures caused by vehicle malfunctions or subpar vehicle condition which requires that the vehicle be pulled from service.

National Public Transportation Safety Plan (NPTSP): The plan to improve the safety of all public transportation systems that receive Federal financial assistance under 49 USC Chapter 53.

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM): A proposed new regulation or proposed changes to an existing regulation. A Federal agency is only allowed to issue regulations if authorized to do so by Congress, so the NPRM also provides the statutory authority under which the agency is proposing the regulation. The NPRM also explains the background and history of the issue that generated the regulation, and avenues for public participation.

Occurrence: An event without any personal injury in which any damage to facilities, equipment, rolling stock, or infrastructure does not disrupt the operations of a transit agency.

Passenger: A person, other than an operator, who is on board, boarding, or alighting from a vehicle on a public transportation system for the purpose of travel.

Preventative Maintenance: Regular, scheduled, and/or recurring maintenance of assets (equipment and facilities) as required by manufacturer or vendor requirements, typically for the purpose of maintaining assets in satisfactory operating condition. Preventative maintenance is conducted by providing for systematic inspection, detection, and correction of anticipated failures either before they occur or before they develop into major defects. Preventative maintenance is maintenance, including tests, measurements, adjustments, and parts replacement, performed specifically to prevent faults from occurring. The primary goal of preventative maintenance is to avoid or mitigate the consequences of failure of equipment.

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP): The documented comprehensive agency safety plan for a transit agency that is required by 49 USC 5329 and this part.

Performance target: A quantifiable level of performance or condition, expressed as a value for the measure, to be achieved within a time period required by the Federal Transit Administration.

Reportable: An event occurring on transit right-of-way, in a transit revenue facility, in a transit maintenance facility, or involving a transit revenue vehicle, excluding occupational safety events occurring in administrative buildings.

Risk: An assessed probability and severity calculation to classify the overall potential consequences of a hazard.

Safety Assurance (SA): A list of defined safety performance indicators for reach priority risk and associated targets the Agency will use to determine if it is achieving the specified safety goals.

Safety Committee: A committee convened by a joint labor-management process comprised of an equal number of frontline employees (selected by a labor organization representing the plurality of the frontline workforce employed by the recipient or, if applicable, a contractor to the recipient, to the extent frontline employees are represented by labor organizations) and management.

Safety Events: Include but are not limited to slips, trips, falls, smoke, power failure, maintenance-related issues, or electric shock. To be reported as a major event, these events must **either** meet the fatality, evacuation, or property damage threshold **or** result in two or more injured persons. Other Safety Events that cause only one person to be immediately transported from the scene for medical attention, and that do not trigger any other reporting threshold, are reported on the Non-Major Monthly Summary Report form. The FTA includes Other Safety Events that occur in a transit maintenance facility and meet a reporting threshold but continues to exclude occupational safety events occurring in administrative buildings.

Safety Management Policy (SMP): A transit agency's documented commitment to safety, which defines the transit agency's safety objectives and the accountabilities and responsibilities of the agency's employees regarding safety.

Safety Management System (SMS): The formal, top-down, data-driven, organization-wide approach to managing safety risk and assuring the effectiveness of a transit agency's safety risk mitigation. SMS includes systematic procedures, practices, and policies for managing risks and hazards.

Safety Management System (SMS) Executive: A CSO or an equivalent.

Safety Objective: A general goal or desired outcome related to safety.

Safety Performance: An organization's safety effectiveness and efficiency, as defined by safety performance indicators and targets, measured against the organization's safety objectives.

Safety Performance Measure: An expression based on a quantifiable indicator of performance or condition that is used to establish targets and to assess progress toward meeting the established targets.

Safety Performance Monitoring: Activities aimed at the quantification of an organization's safety effectiveness and efficiency during service delivery operations, through a combination of safety performance indicators and safety performance targets.

Safety Performance Target: A performance target related to safety management activities.

Serious injury: Any injury which: (1) Requires hospitalization for more than 48 hours, commencing within 7 days from the date the injury was received; (2) Results in a fracture of any bone (except simple fractures of fingers, toes, or noses); (3) Causes severe hemorrhages, nerve, muscle, or tendon damage; (4) Involves any internal organ; or (5) Involves second or third degree burns, or any burns affecting more than 5 percent of the body surface.

Safety Promotion (SP): A combination of training and communication of safety information to support SMS as applied to the transit agency's public transportation system.

Safety Risk: The assessed probability and severity of the potential consequence(s) of a hazard, using as reference the worst foreseeable, but credible, outcome.

Safety Risk Assessment: The formal activity whereby a transit agency determines SRM priorities by establishing the significance or value of its safety risks.

Safety Risk Management (SRM): A process within a transit agency's Safety Plan for identifying hazards, assessing the hazards, and mitigating safety risk.

Safety Risk Mitigation: The activities whereby a public transportation agency controls the probability or severity of the potential consequences of hazards.

Safety Risk Probability: The likelihood that a consequence might occur, taking as reference the worst foreseeable, but credible, condition.

Safety Risk Severity: The anticipated effects of a consequence, should the consequence materialize, taking as reference the worst foreseeable, but credible, condition.

Serious Injury: Any injury which:

- Requires hospitalization for more than 48 hours, commencing within seven days from the date that the injury was received;
- Results in a fracture of any bone (except simple fractures of fingers, toes, or nose);
- Causes severe hemorrhages, nerve, muscle, or tendon damage;
- Involves any internal organ; or
- Involves second- or third-degree burns, or any burns affecting more than 5 percent of the body surface.

Small Public Transportation Provider: A recipient or subrecipient of Federal financial assistance under 49 USC 5307 that has one hundred (100) or fewer vehicles in peak revenue service and does not operate a rail fixed guideway public transportation system.

State: A State of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Territories of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Virgin Islands.

State of Good Repair: The condition in which a capital asset is able to operate at a full level of performance.

State Safety Oversight Agency: An agency established by a State that meets the requirements and performs the functions specified by 49 USC. 5329(e) and the regulations set forth in 49 CFR part 674.

Transit Agency: An operator of a public transportation system.

Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan: The strategic and systematic practice of procuring, operating, inspecting, maintaining, rehabilitating, and replacing transit capital assets to manage their performance, risks, and costs over their life cycles, for the purpose of providing safe, cost-effective, and reliable public transportation, as required by 49 USC 5326 and 49 CFR part 625.

Vehicle Revenue Miles (VRM): The miles that vehicles are scheduled to or actually travel while in revenue service. Vehicle revenue miles include layover/recovery time and exclude deadhead; operator training; vehicle maintenance testing; and school bus and charter services.

Acronyms:

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
BIL	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
C-PCMPO	Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Planning Organization
FAST	Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FY	Fiscal Year
GDOT	Georgia Department of Transportation
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century
MILSTD	Military Standard
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
NPTSP	National Public Transportation Safety Plan
NTD	National Transit Database
NTSB	National Transportation Safety Board
PASS	Passenger Service and Safety Training
PHA	Preliminary Hazard Assessment
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PTASP	Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan
SMS	Safety Management System
SPT	Safety Performance Target
SRM	Safety Risk Management
TAM	Transit Asset Management
UPT	Unlinked Passenger Trip
USC	United States Code
VRM	Vehicle Revenue Mile

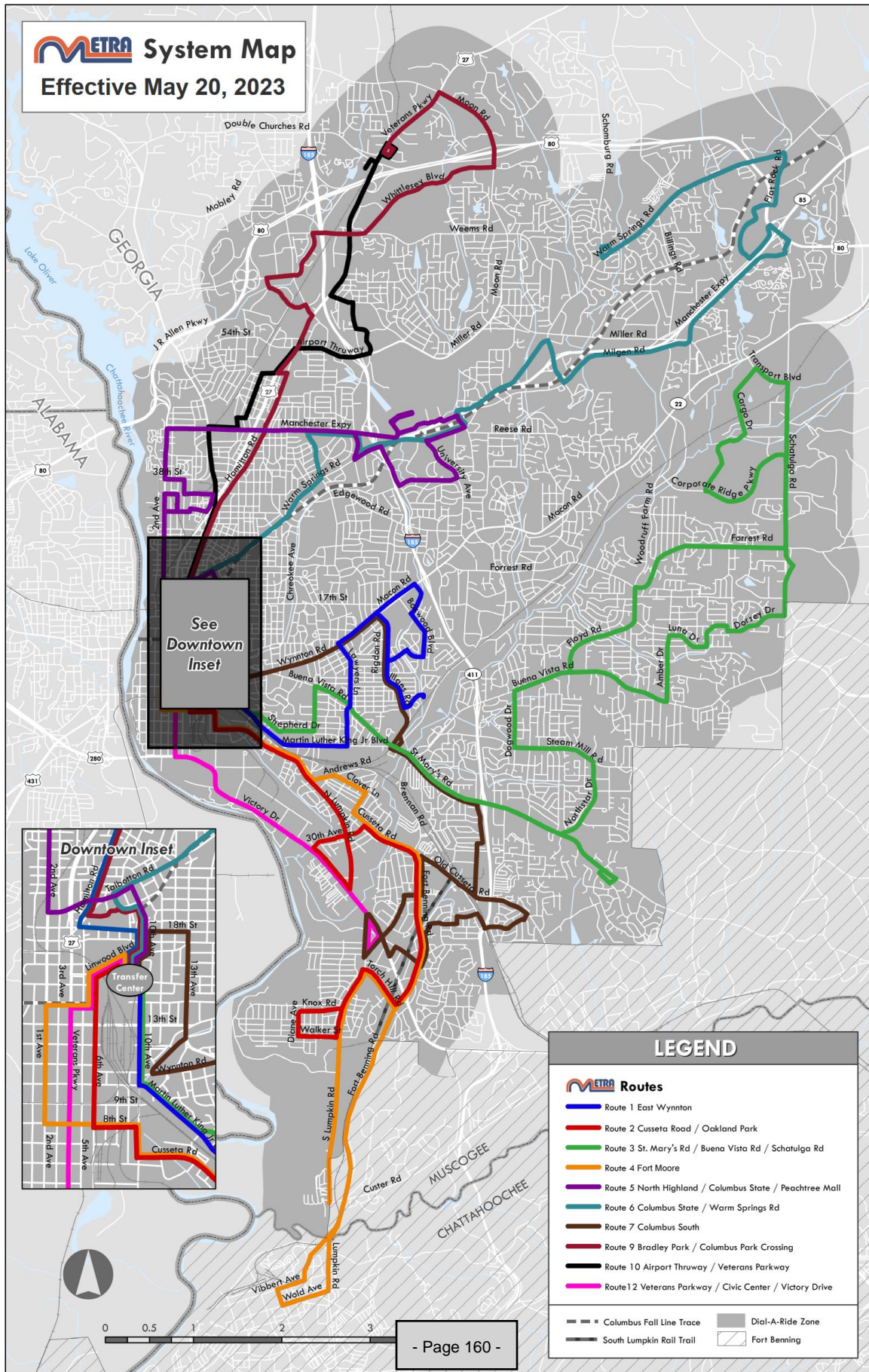
1. Transit Agency Information

METRA, a service of the Columbus Consolidated Government, provides fixed-route bus transit along ten routes within the urbanized area of Muscogee County, along with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant comparable paratransit. Service is offered between 5:30 AM and 11:00 PM, Monday through Saturday.

Transit Agency Name	METRA Transit System			
Transit Agency Address	814 Linwood Blvd, Columbus, GA 31901			
Accountable Executive (Name and Title)	Rosa Evans, Transportation Director			
Chief Safety Officer (Name and Title)	Fredrick Jackson, Chief Safety Officer			
Mode(s) of Service Provided (e.g., Fixed Route, Demand Response, ADA Paratransit, etc.)	Fixed Route and ADA Paratransit	List All FTA Funding Types (e.g., 5307, 5310, 5311)	Sections 5307, 5339, and 5303	
Vehicles Operated in Maximum Service, by Mode	Fixed Route: 18 (Currently running Saturday's service of 15 due to staffing shortages)	ADA Paratransit: 8		
Mode(s) of Service Contracted Out to Third Party Operators (TPOs)	n/a			
Name of Third Party Operator (if applicable) and contact person	n/a			
Does the agency provide transit services on behalf of another transit agency or entity?	Yes	No X	Description of Arrangement(s)	n/a

Name and Address of Transit Agency(ies) or Entity(ies) for Which Service Is Provided	n/a	
Are any transit employees represented by a Labor Union? If so please describe.	No	
No. of Fixed Bus Routes:	10	
Annual Vehicle Revenue Miles (VRM)	Fixed Route Bus VRM	Demand Response/Paratansit VRM
	967,500	199,998
Annual Unlinked Passenger Trips (UPT)	Fixed Route Bus UPT	Demand Response/Paratansit UPT
	558,859	30,222

Figure 1 – METRA System Map



2. Safety Management

2.1 Safety Management Policy – 673.23(a)

METRA strives to provide the safest and most secure experience for the riding public and our employees. All levels of management and employees are accountable for the delivery of the highest level of safety performance, starting with the Transportation Director. Every employee must practice workplace safety, use equipment, tools, and materials properly, and be trained in the agency's work rules and procedures for his or her respective areas of responsibility, including contingency plans for abnormal and emergency conditions.

METRA is committed to:

- Supporting an organizational culture that fosters safe practices, encourages effective employee safety reporting and communication, and actively manages safety with the same attention to results as paid to other management systems of the organization;
- Integrating the management of safety as a primary responsibility of all managers and employees, including contractors;
- Defining for all staff, managers, and employees alike, their accountability and responsibility for the delivery of the organization's safety performance and the overall implementation of our Safety Plan;
- Establishing and implementing a proactive safety program to manage risks to a level that is acceptable and consistent with safety performance;
- Ensuring protections for any employee who discloses a safety concern through the employee safety reporting program;
- Complying with, and wherever possible, exceeding the expectations of legislative and regulatory requirements and standards;
- Ensuring all staff are provided with adequate and appropriate safety-related information, personal protective equipment (PPE) and training, are competent in safety management matters, and are allocated only to tasks commensurate with their skills;
- Communicating the purpose and benefits of the Safety Management System (SMS) to all staff, managers, supervisors, and employees; This communication will specifically define the duties and responsibilities of each employee throughout the organization and all employees will receive appropriate information and SMS training;
- Verify the SMP is signed by the Transportation Director (accountable executive) to convey that SMS is important to the highest level of the organization;
- Establishing and measuring our safety performance against realistic and data-driven safety performance indicators and safety performance targets;
- Continually improving our safety performance through management processes that ensure appropriate safety management actions are taken and are effective; and
- Ensuring externally supplied systems and services to support our operations are delivered to meet our safety performance standards.

This PTASP describes our safety efforts and programs, and through our thorough implementation of such efforts and programs we explicitly show our commitment to system safety based on SMS principles, as per 49 CFR Part 673.

2.2 Employee Safety Reporting – 673.23(b)

Employees are required to embrace METRA's safety goals and objectives and are encouraged to report safety concerns, issues, or hazards. Executive management has established a safety reporting process for employees to voice their safety concerns without fear of retribution or blame. All frontline personnel will be responsible for utilizing this program, as necessary. Our employees (including contractors) have a duty to report any unsafe condition to their supervisor, manager, or the Chief Safety Officer. Unsafe conditions may include issues with policies, procedures, physical conditions, events, information about an issue, among others. All violations of agency safety rules or procedures (including regulatory requirements of the agency) may result in disciplinary action. No action will be taken against any employee who communicates a safety condition through our reporting program unless such disclosure indicates an illegal act, gross misconduct, or negligence, or a deliberate or willful disregard of our rules, policies, and procedures. Once actions to remediate a safety violation have been determined, they shall be communicated throughout the organization and carried out.

2.3 Safety Management Policy Communication – 673.23(c)

METRA staff are informed of their responsibilities related to safety and the requirements of our Safety Plan during onboarding. Communicating the purpose and benefits of this Safety Plan and SMS principles among executive and senior management, supervisors and frontline staff are the most important jobs of all of our employees. All employees understand their respective safety roles and obligations and in identifying and assessing safety risks in the workplace and in agency operations. Fostering and reinforcing these obligations through regular agency-wide communications and programs are critical functions of senior management and the Chief Safety Officer, including but not limited to:

- METRA Safety Committee and other safety-related meetings;
- Operator meetings with supervisors and managers;
- Newsletters;
- Safety bulletins;
- Safety emails and text message alerts;
- Radio supervisor communication with operators;
- One-on-one communication between supervisors and frontline employees;
- Meetings with contractors;
- Committee meetings; and
- Safety campaigns.

2.4 Safety Responsibilities

The purpose of our Safety Plan is to maintain a formal safety program and establish a coordinated safety effort responsive to the needs of the operating, maintenance, and support departments. We emphasize the goal of all personnel and contractors to work toward the common goal of minimizing the occurrence of customer and employee accidents and incidents by providing safe revenue service to our customers and a safe work environment for our employees.

The following personnel lead the organization in the implementation of our Safety Plan:

Accountable Executive - Transportation Director (Rosa Evans, current incumbent)

- Establishes and sets an organizational example for safety objectives and goals;

- Directs human resources;
- Manages agency finances;
- Oversees operations and maintenance programs;
- Promotes and communicates safety policy and programs;
- Participates in regular meetings with key staff to understand the status of safety programs and data; and
- Ultimately holds responsibility for all agency safety outcomes.

Chief Safety Officer (CSO) – Transit Compliance Officer (Fredrick Jackson, current incumbent)

- Manages and implements the Safety Plan throughout the agency;
- Chairs Safety meetings with key departmental managers including operations and maintenance;
- Participates in formal meetings with the FTA and GDOT on safety regulatory and program topics;
- Reports Safety Performance Measures/Targets to the Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Planning Organization (C-PCMPO) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO);
- Develops and implements safety policies, procedures, and programs;
- Supervises and oversees work of assigned safety staff, conducts performance reviews with staff, and initiates appropriate actions related to such;
- Directs the hazard management process and provides notification of reportable accidents, incidents, and hazardous conditions;
- Investigates employee and vehicle accidents/incidents and injuries and works to develop programs to reduce accidents and injuries;
- Conducts inspections and researches safety codes, standards, and regulations;
- Compiles and analyzes health and safety statistics;
- Produces safety reports, records, documents, and manifests;
- Accesses and updates database safety-related files;
- Coordinates staff safety meetings and attends meetings, conferences and group functions related to safety;
- Develops and conducts training sessions relating to safety issues;
- Identifies health and safety concerns, analyzes reports and information;
- Develops programs for accident/injury prevention, and submits recommendations to reduce frequency of accidents;
- Develops departmental and organizational Key Performance Indicators (KPI); and
- Conducts risk identification, evaluation, control, funding, and administration.

The agency's CSO is Fredrick Jackson. In FY 2021, METRA hired a new permanent CSO position within the organization. The CSO has and will continue to have a direct line of reporting to the Accountable Executive.

Other key management positions responsible for implementation of METRA's SMS include:

- Maintenance Manager – This position is responsible for the maintenance of METRA revenue vehicles;
- Transit Operations Manager – This position is responsible for day-to-day operation of METRA's fleet; and

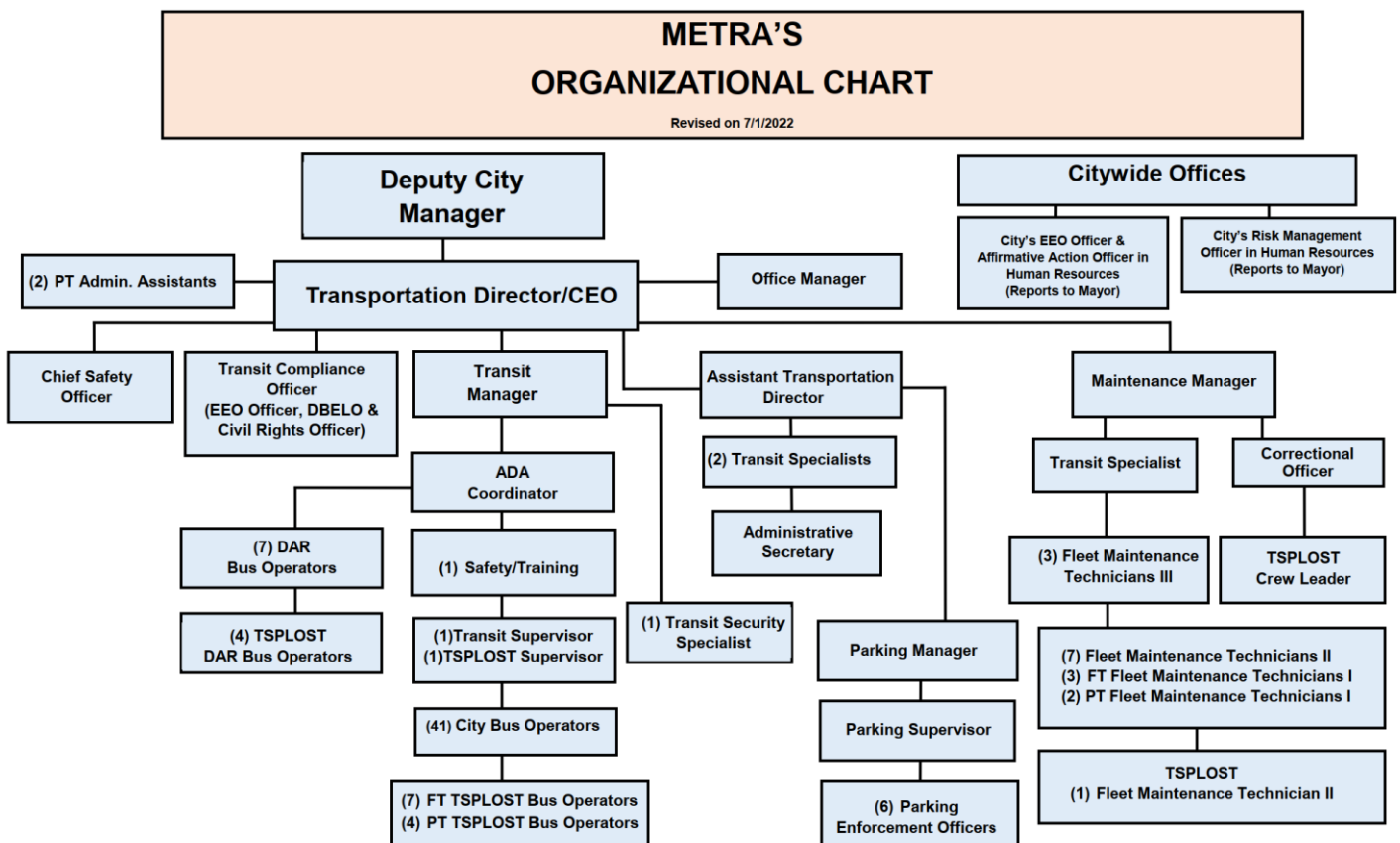
- Safety and Training Coordinator – This position is responsible for education, training, and testing of METRA's vehicle operators.

These personnel have the following authorities, accountabilities, and responsibilities:

- Participate as members of the METRA Safety Committee;
- Complete training on Safety Plan elements;
- Oversee day-to-day operations of the Safety Plan in their departments;
- Modify policies in their departments consistent with implementation of the Safety Plan, as necessary; and
- Provide subject matter expertise to support implementation of the Safety Plan as requested by the Transportation Director or the CSO, including Safety Risk Management activities, investigation of safety events, development of safety risk mitigations, and monitoring of mitigation effectiveness.

The METRA Organization Chart is provided in **Figure 2**.

Figure 2 – Organizational Chart for METRA



2.5 Safety Committee

The CSO will periodically convene meetings of the Safety Committee to discuss safety program issues, safety data/performance indicators, safety, and Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan updates, among various other issues that pertain to overall agency safety matters. The Safety Committee is an executive-level function that will include the Transportation Director, key representatives from Operations and Maintenance, and will be chaired by the CSO. The objectives of regular meetings of the Safety Committee are to ensure that the Transportation Director is well-versed in the implementation of the Safety Plan, KPI, and other important data, and that executive-level staff have a regular multi-disciplinary forum to discuss pertinent safety issues and policy.

In accordance with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) amendments to 49 USC Section 5329(d), ATS has established a Safety Committee, which consists of equal representation of both frontline staff and management representatives. The primary responsibility of the Safety Committee is to, at a minimum:

- Conduct annual review of the PTASP to recommend for approval by the County Commission;
- Identify and recommend risk-based mitigations or strategies necessary to reduce the likelihood and severity of consequences identified through the agency's safety risk assessment;
- Identify mitigations or strategies that may be ineffective, inappropriate, or were not implemented as intended; and
- Identify safety deficiencies for purposes of continuous improvement.

At a minimum, the Safety Committee will be responsible for:

- Identifying and recommending risk-based mitigations or strategies necessary to reduce the likelihood and severity of consequences identified through the agency's safety risk assessment;
- Identifying mitigations or strategies that may be ineffective, inappropriate, or were not implemented as intended;
- Identifying safety deficiencies for purposes of continuous improvement.
- Review and approve changes to the ASP including updated safety targets and risk reduction targets proposed by the CSO.

The safety committee shall be convened by a joint labor-management process, consisting of an equal number of frontline employees and an equal number of management representatives. METRA's frontline workers are not represented by a labor organization and are selected by the agency. The Safety Committee shall consist of the following members.

- 1.) The Chief Safety Officer (as Committee Chair);
- 2.) One Maintenance Technician;
- 3.) One Dial-A-Ride/Paratransit Bus Operator;
- 4.) One Fixed Route Bus Operator;
- 5.) The Safety and Training Coordinator *or* Transit Supervisor
- 6.) The ADA Coordinator.

Meetings are conducted quarterly and last one hour. Special meetings may be convened as needed by the CSO.

2.6 Agency Safety Plan Development Requirements

In compliance with changes made by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to 49 U.S.C § 5329(d), METRA's ASP will be developed in cooperation with frontline employees or representatives. Strategies developed to minimize the exposure of the public, personnel, and property to hazards, unsafe conditions, and infectious diseases shall be consistent with guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or a State health authority. Performance targets shall be based on the safety performance criteria and state of good repair standards established in this ASP as developed in cooperation with frontline employees or representatives, as reviewed and approved by METRA's Safety Committee and the Governing Body, and based on the safety performance measures established under the national public transportation safety plan.

3. Safety Risk Management (673.25)

3.1 Safety Risk Management Program

METRA promotes the proactive identification and evaluation of hazards before they escalate into accidents or incidents. This Safety Plan and its programs must be effective in identifying and minimizing hazards in the operational environment. All operations must be viewed from a systems perspective in that the safety-critical functions of one group may impact those of one or more others. This focus on system safety is meant to foster the understanding of the interdependence of actions on overall safety. As such, our hazard management program involves a multi-disciplinary review process that is ultimately managed by the Safety Committee, led by the CSO. There are three basic objectives:

- Hazard identification;
- Hazard assessment; and
- Hazard resolution.

3.2 Safety Risk Identification

Safety risk identification and resolution is a core element of the Safety Plan emphasizing timely correction of unsafe conditions, anticipated, and reconciled before serious accident, injury, or damage occurs. Our risk management program includes the following practices:

- Employee safety reporting;
- Driver, dispatcher, supervisory and maintenance performance information;
- Rules compliance checks;
- ADA compliance reviews;
- Asset conditions assessments;
- Camera and event recorder reviews;
- Environmental information;
- Safety observations;
- Pre- and post-trip inspections;
- Vehicle, facility, and equipment inspections;
- Internal safety investigations;
- Fitness for duty checks;
- Accident reports;
- Compliance programs;
- Safety Committee reviews; and
- Public feedback/complaints.

METRA emphasizes the timely identification and correction of unsafe conditions, anticipated, and reconciled before serious accident, injury, or damage occurs. To ensure we provide as safe and reliable transportation services as possible, we have established a process by which hazards are identified, analyzed for potential impact on the operating system, and resolved in a manner acceptable to management and applicable regulatory agencies. All management, staff, contractors,

and suppliers are required to implement high standards of safety and system assurance throughout the design, construction, testing, and operational phases of our projects. Safety risks which cannot be eliminated with design mitigations which include the implementation of safety warning devices are usually addressed by training, and/or written procedures to prevent mishaps. Most hazards are identified in the field, reported, entered in reports, and are addressed by the responsible departments through routine corrective measures that do not require special attention.

Safety risks can be identified through a host of sources ranging from daily experience (accidents, incidents, or safety concerns), gathered data, information submitted by patrons, to detailed analyses and assessments of existing conditions, among others. Once hazard causes, consequences, and likelihood of occurrence have been assessed, priorities for resolution can be established. The risks associated with hazards are accepted, minimized, controlled, or identified for future remedy. Safety efforts must, however, continue to ensure that the implementation of hazard remedies do not create new safety concerns.

3.3 Safety Risks Assessment

Hazard assessments shall include specific inputs, reviews, and comments from any department and personnel, as necessary. To categorize the severity of a hazard, the likely effects on passengers, employees, general public and equipment must be established. Hazard severity ratings are based on categories from Military Standard 882E (MILSTD-882E) and require system key agency stakeholders to make subjective determinations of the worst case that could be anticipated to result from design inadequacies, human error, component failure or malfunction. Hazard severity categories are defined to provide a qualitative measure of the worst credible mishap from resulting from personnel error, environmental conditions, design inadequacies, and procedural deficiencies for a system, subsystem or component failure or malfunction. **Table 1** below summarizes the hazard severity categories. It reflects the principle that not all hazards pose an equal amount of risk to personnel safety.

Table 1 – Safety Risk Severity

Characteristics				
Severity Level	People	Equipment/Services	Financial	Reputational
Catastrophic 1	Several deaths and/or numerous severe injuries (per event)	Total loss of equipment or system interruption, requiring months to repair	Estimated loss in excess of \$5 million	Ongoing media coverage, irreparable reputational damage, government intervention (weeks-months)
Critical 2	Low number of deaths and/or severe injuries (per event)	Significant loss of equipment or system interruption, requiring weeks to repair	Estimated loss in the range of \$500,000 to \$5 million	Prolonged media campaign, serious reputational damage, sustained government involvement (days-weeks)
Major 3	Minor injury and possible serious injury (per event)	Some loss of equipment or system interruption, requiring 7 days or less to repair	Estimated loss in the range of \$50,000 to \$500,000	Adverse media coverage, reputational damage, government involvement
Marginal 4	Possible minor injury (per event)	Some loss of equipment, no system interruption, less than 24 hours to repair	Estimated loss in the range of \$1000 to \$49,999	Local media coverage and some reputational damage
Insignificant 5	No injury	Minor damage to equipment, no system interruption, no immediate repair necessary	Estimated loss is likely less than \$1000	No adverse media or reputational damage

The probability that a hazard will occur during the planned life expectancy of a system element, subsystem, component, or daily operational function can be described subjectively in potential occurrences per unit time, event, population, items, or activity. A qualitative hazard likelihood may be derived from research, analysis, and evaluation of historical safety data or a similar system. The CSO, departmental managers or the Safety Committee can assign a probability rating to a particular event or a specific hazard. Supporting rationale for assigning a hazard likelihood is documented in hazard analysis reports, memos, or minutes from meetings. The assessment of the probability of hazard occurrence will consider specific system operations based on the current system configuration. Hazard frequency levels to be considered are shown in **Table 2** below.

Table 2 – Safety Risk Likelihood

Likelihood	Specific Item	Fleet / Inventory	Frequency
A Frequent	Likely to occur frequently in the life of an item	Continuously experienced	26 or more events in a year
B Probable	Will occur often in the life of an item	Will occur frequently in the system	13 to 25 events in a year
C Occasional	Likely to occur sometime in the life of an item	Will occur several times	6 to 12 events in one year, or less than 24 events in 5 years
D Remote	Unlikely but possible to occur in the life of an item	Unlikely, but can be expected to occur	1 to 5 events in one year or less than 10 events in 10 years
E Improbable	Unlikely to occur but possible	Unlikely to occur, but possible	1 event in 25 years
F Eliminated	Incapable of occurrence. This level is used when potential hazards are identified and later eliminated.		

The Safety Risk Index (**Table 3**) combines hazard categories, severity, and probability to constitute a chart to assist in the evaluation of specific hazards and their associated levels of risk.

Table 3 – Hazard Risk Index

Hazard Categories					
Frequency	1 Catastrophic	2 Critical	3 Major	4 Marginal	5 Insignificant
A Frequent	1A	2A	3A	4A	5A
B Probable	1B	2B	3B	4B	5B
C Occasional	1C	2C	3C	4C	5C
D Remote	1D	2D	3D	4D	5D
E Improbable	1E	2E	3E	4E	5E
F Eliminated	1F	2F	3F	4F	5F

Hazard Risk Index	Risk Decision Criteria
Unacceptable	Hazard must be mitigated
Undesirable	Requires acceptance from management
Acceptable with Review	Hazard may be accepted with management review
Acceptable	Risk level is acceptable
Eliminated	No hazard remains

3.4 Safety Risk Resolution

Once a risk has been evaluated, the agency will determine a course of action to address a given risk. As per the process above, a risk may be eliminated by eliminating the source of the hazard. For example, if a special service route has experienced incidents, such hazards will be eliminated when such special service is also eliminated. In other instances, for example, the CSO and Safety Committee may utilize accident/incident data over time to discuss the hazards of vehicle rear-endings and evaluate the type, severity and probability of these accidents, and mitigation measures to prevent these mishaps in the future. Such mitigations may include new standard operating procedures, policies, additional training requirements, public awareness campaigns, or even vehicle design changes.

This methodology may be applied for the analysis of risks of day-to-day operations as well as for preliminary hazard assessments (PHA) when designing new system infrastructure. During the safety certification process to develop system expansions, identified hazards can be addressed by designing system elements for minimum risk, and/or incorporating safety and warning devices.

3.5 Safety Risk Tracking

Some more complex safety risks may require the use of a tracking log which may consist of the following information:

- Assigned hazard number;
- Date hazard identified;
- Hazard title;
- Hazard description;
- Sources from which the hazard was identified;
- The element of operation affected by the hazard;
- Initial hazard classification;
- Current hazard classification; and
- Corrective Action Plan (CAP).

The safety risk tracking log, when used, is updated regularly until the hazard CAP has been closed out. All captured data is analyzed for the identification of developing trends to ensure future safety risks/hazards can be mitigated and/or eliminated.

4. Safety Assurance – 673.27 (a)

The purpose of Safety Assurance is to evaluate the overall effectiveness of safety risk controls established under the Safety Risk Management program. The Transportation Director and CSO are responsible for monitoring and evaluating day-to-day operations to ensure that:

- Emerging risks are identified,
- METRA is in compliance with regulatory requirements applicable to the Safety Plan, and
- The Safety plan meets safety goals and objectives.

Safety Assurance programs provide important feedback and data into the Safety Risk Management process and vice versa to promote safer operations. Through our Safety Risk Management and Safety Assurance activities, we will evaluate the adequacy of procedures, processes, personnel performance, our data collected, and compliance with procedures and programs.

4.1 Safety Performance Monitoring and Measuring – 673.27(b)

49 CFR Part 673.27 requires transit agencies to establish activities to:

- Monitor its system for compliance with, and sufficiency of, the agency's procedures for operations and maintenance;
- Monitor its operations to identify any safety risk mitigations that may be ineffective, inappropriate, or were not implemented as intended;
- Conduct investigations of safety events to identify causal factors; and
- Monitor information reported through any internal safety reporting programs.

4.2 Monitoring Operations and Maintenance Compliance – 673.27(b)(2)

The Transportation Director has the ultimate responsibility of affording the riding public and employees safe and secure operations. Each employee is required to carry out specific system safety responsibilities in compliance with their job specifications, agency rules and regulations and this Safety Plan. Each department generates its own performance data used for the detection of trends or problems in operations and maintenance prior to the development of a major safety concern. Among the various safety assurance activities overseen by the Transportation Director and CSO include:

- Fleet operations;
- Road supervision;
- Fleet maintenance;
- Drug and Alcohol Program;
- TAM;
- Resource planning;
- Internal operations reviews;
- Accident/incident investigations and other means to determine causal factors;
- Contractor safety efforts;
- Data collection and analysis; and

- Security activities.

It is the task of the CSO to monitor and measure the safety performance of operations through data provided from the various departments and report to the Transportation Director and Safety Committee periodically. Using collected data and assessing trends, we develop minimum performance standards to meet agency safety targets and goals. From there, we may create KPI that show us whether or not we are achieving our safety targets and goals. Selected data is accumulated and analyzed for ongoing trending and performance measurement, including fatalities, injuries to passengers and/or personnel, system reliability, and other safety related events. This data comes from various sources including, but are not limited to:

- Event reports;
- Observations of operations reports;
- Internal and external inspection, survey, and audit reports;
- Safety suggestions from employees and customers;
- Historical knowledge;
- Seasonal events and effects;
- Environmental considerations;
- New equipment or facility deployments;
- Fleet issues;
- Process reviews and audits;
- Training efforts; and
- Peer reviews.

Monitoring and measurement of our safety assurance program establishes a baseline which we can use to compare criteria and conditions at other specific points in time. Once a baseline is established through monitoring and measurement, data can be used as criteria in evaluating operations to reduce risk and overall safety objective/goal achievement. Ongoing monitoring is built into our operations, performed continually, and responsive to change. Ongoing monitoring includes regular management and supervisory activities, comparisons, reconciliations, and other routine actions.

4.3 Safety Performance Measures and Targets – 673.11(a)(3)

Among the various KPI that we use are the four safety performance measures that are required by the National Public Transportation Safety Plan (NPTSP): Fatalities, Injuries, Safety Events and System Reliability, as defined below:

- Fatalities – Total number of reportable¹ fatalities and rate per total vehicle revenue miles (VRM) by mode;
- Injuries – Total number of reportable injuries and rate per total VRM by mode;
- Safety Events – Total number of reportable events and rate per total VRM by mode; and
- System Reliability – Mean distance between major mechanical failures by mode.

¹ The thresholds for “reportable” fatalities, injuries, and events are defined in the NTD Safety and Security Reporting Manual.

These safety performance measures are based on data submitted to the National Transit Database (NTD). Our annual performance targets for these measures are as below on **Table 4**. These safety performance targets will be shared with the Columbus Planning Department to aid in their planning processes. METRA will coordinate with GDOT and the C-PCMPO in the creation of state and Metropolitan Planning Organization safety performance targets, as requested.

Table 4 – FY 2024 Safety Performance Measures and Targets

MB/DO (per 100,000 VRM)							
Mode - MB	Fatalities	Rate of Fatalities	Injuries	Rate of Injuries	Safety Events	Rate of Safety Events	Mean Distance Between Mechanical Failure
2020 Actual	0	0.00	2	0.18	2	0.18	1,092,544
2021 Actual	0	0.00	3	0.31	3	0.31	979,318
2022 Actual	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	967,500
Average	0.00	0.00	2	0.16	2	0.16	1,013,121
2024 SPT (MB)	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.16	2.00	0.16	1,013,121

DR/DO (per 100,000 VRM)							
Mode - DR	Fatalities	Rate of Fatalities	Injuries	Rate of Injuries	Safety Events	Rate of Safety Events	Mean Distance Between Mechanical Failure
2020 Actual	0	0.00	2	0.85	2	0.85	236,405
2021 Actual	0	0.00	4	1.93	4	1.93	207,576
2022 Actual	0	0.00	1	0.50	1	0.50	199,998
Average	0.00	0.00	2	1.09	2	1.09	214,660
2024 SPT (DR)	0.00	0.00	3.00	1.09	3.00	1.09	214,660

5. Safety Promotion

Safety promotion fosters a positive safety culture and improves safety performance by increasing safety awareness through training and communication. Appropriate training for all employees regardless of their position within the agency provides knowledge for a successful safety program. Through communication of lessons learned and safety performance data, employees are made aware of safety priorities and concerns as they relate to their individual job tasks and the entire organization.

5.1 Safety Training

All new and existing employees undergo Safety Plan familiarization training. Employees at all levels of the agency need to understand 1) what the Safety Plan is, 2) how it supports the agency's mission, and 3) what their specific individual Safety Plan responsibilities are. This core element of our comprehensive safety training program applies to all METRA employees directly responsible for safety, including:

- The Transportation Director and CSO;
- Bus operators;
- Dispatchers;
- Maintenance technicians; and
- Managers and supervisors.

Our safety training programs including, but are not limited to, the following:

- Bus operator training;
- Bus maintainer training;
- Passenger Service and Safety (PASS) Training;
- METRA Rules and Regulations Manual;
 - Responsibilities of the Operators;
 - Personnel Practices;
 - Duties of Dispatchers and Supervisory Staff;
 - Rules and Regulations;
 - Accidents and Injuries;
 - Operating of Diesel Buses;
 - METRA Discipline Code; and
- METRA Paratransit Operators ADA Training;
- Continuing and Refresher Safety Training;
- De-Escalation Training.

METRA has developed job specifications for all job classifications which require certain skills training in order for personnel to perform job functions safely. For certain positions this will include initial as well as refresher training. METRA maintains records of all employees upon hire and manages their progress through training, annual recertification and retraining if required.

5.2 Safety Communication

All employees, from the Transportation Director to frontline personnel, shall communicate the virtues and requirements of our Safety Plan and program elements. Safety communication activities ensure that all employees and contractors are aware of the following goals and responsibilities:

- The observance of all agency standard operating procedures, policies, and plans;
- The need to systematically identify safety hazards, mitigate risk and reduce fatalities and injuries resulting from transit operations;
- The need to reduce the injury incidence rate by minimizing exposure to unsafe conditions and reducing hazardous employee behavior;
- Providing safe and efficient transit services by ensuring that all vehicles, equipment, and facilities are regularly inspected, maintained, and serviced as needed; and
- Achieving 100 percent of scheduled routine inspections, preventative and regular maintenance work is completed on time, and essential repairs addressed in a designated time.

Further, METRA encourages employees and contractors to be mindful of their safety responsibilities, and review various safety issues, recommendations, policies, etc. by various means which include but are not limited to:

- Employee Safety Reporting;
- Safety meetings;
- Annual safety training refresher meetings;
- Operator meetings with supervisors and managers;
- Newsletters;
- Regularly updated Safety Bulletins, which are to be checked daily by operators;
- Safety emails;
- Safety announcements made every 30 minutes over radio;
- Radio supervisor communication with operators;
- One-on-one communication between supervisors and frontline employees;
- Meetings with contractors;
- Committee meetings; and
- Safety campaigns.

A positive safety culture focuses on finding and correcting systemic issues rather than finding someone or something to blame. A positive safety culture flourishes in an environment of trust, encouraging error-reporting and discouraging covering up mistakes. The need to address behavior that is malicious or recklessly negligent must be balanced with the need for a just culture that is not excessively punitive. A positive safety culture goes beyond simply adhering to procedures. It is demonstrated when employees carry out their duties correctly, with alertness, full knowledge, sound judgment, and a sense of accountability.

6. Annual Update Process

The CSO will review and update this Safety Plan annually. The updated version of the Plan will be reviewed and approved by the Safety Committee, signed by the Transportation Director, reviewed and approved by the agency's MPO, the C-PCMPO, and reviewed and approved by the governing body, the Columbus City Council. The newly authorized version will be reissued to all transit personnel for their perusal and comprehension. METRA will maintain all documents that are related to the implementation of this Safety Plan and results from SMS processes and activities. These documents will be made available upon request by the FTA or other related Federal entity. All such documents will be maintained for a minimum of three years after they are created.

7. Risk Reduction Program

In compliance with changes made by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to 49 U.S.C § 5329(d), a risk reduction program has been developed for transit operations to improve safety by reducing the number and rates of accidents, injuries, and assaults on transit workers.

7.1 Risk Reduction Performance Measures and Targets

The Safety Committee of METRA shall establish performance targets for the risk reduction program. Risk reduction targets will be developed and proposed by the CSO to the Safety Committee for review and approval. Targets will be developed using a 3-year rolling average of the data submitted by METRA to the National Transit Database (NTD). The risk reduction program shall focus on the reduction of vehicular and pedestrian accidents involving buses and the mitigation of assaults and injuries to transit workers. Using this criterion, METRA has established the following performance targets below.

Table 5 – FY 2024 Risk Reduction Performance Measures and Targets

Mode of Transit Service	Accidents Involving Buses (total)	Accidents Involving Buses (per 100,000 VRM)	Assaults and Injuries to Transit Workers (total)	Assaults and Injuries to Transit Workers (per 100,000 VRM)
Fixed Route Bus	3	0.25	0	0
Demand Response ADA Paratransit	3	0.25	0	0

Risk Reduction Examples:

Strategies to reduce of vehicular and pedestrian accidents involving buses may include measures to reduce visibility impairments for bus operators that contribute to accidents, including retrofits to buses in revenue service and specifications for Future procurements that reduce visibility impairments.

Strategies to mitigate the occurrence of assaults on transit workers may include the deployment of assault mitigation infrastructure and technology on buses, including barriers to restrict the unwanted entry of individuals and objects into the workstations of bus operators (after a risk analysis performed by the Safety Committee determines that such barriers or other measures would reduce assaults on transit workers and injuries to transit workers).

7.2 Failure to Meet Targets and Safety Set Aside

METRA shall allocate no less than 0.75 percent of section 5307 funds to safety-related projects eligible under the 5307 programs. If performance targets, as established in Table 5, are not met, then METRA shall allocate 0.75 percent of 5307 funds in the following fiscal year to eligible safety projects. Funds set aside shall be used for projects that are reasonably likely to assist the recipient in meeting the performance targets established in Table 5 including modifications to rolling stock and de-escalation training.

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Appendix A: PTASP Relationship to Other Federal Laws & Regulations

1. Public Transportation Safety Program Rule - 49 U.S.C. § 5329

The Public Transportation Safety Program Rule establishes substantive and procedural rules for FTA's administration of the Public Transportation Safety Program authorized by 49 U.S.C. § 5329. The rule establishes FTA's SMS approach to the development and implementation of the Safety Program. Further, it sets rules of practice for the FTA's enforcement authority and describes the contents of a National Public Transportation Safety Plan.

National Public Transportation Safety Plan (NPTSP)- section 5329(b)

Through the NPTSP, the FTA has adopted the principles and methods of SMS as the basis for enhancing the safety of public transportation in the United States. The NPTSP is a policy document, communications tool, and a repository of standards, guidance, best practices, tolls, technical assistance, and other resources.

This Safety Plan was written in accordance to the Public Transportation Safety Program Rule and the NPTSP.

2. Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Rule - 49 CFR Part 673

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published a final rule for PTASP as authorized by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). This final rule requires States and certain operators of public transportation systems that receive Federal financial assistance under Urbanized Area Formula Program (49 U.S.C. § 5307) to develop safety plans that include the processes and procedures to implement Safety Management Systems (SMS). Transit operators must certify they have a safety plan, meeting the requirements of the rule, in place by July 20, 2020.

3. Transit Asset Management (TAM) Rule - 49 CFR Part 625

The PTASP final rule applies to only Section 5307 recipients and sub-recipients, and the TAM rule applies to all operators of public transit. However, the two plans can support one another by providing useful data for agency use and NTD reporting. Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 625, condition assessments were performed as part of safety risk management and safety assurance activities. The results of TAM condition assessments, and subsequent SMS analysis can help prioritize a transit agency's TAM Plan elements. Condition assessments help identify potential safety issues, which could undergo a safety risk assessment as part of safety risk management. Further, TAM data and analysis can also be used for performance monitoring and measurement as part of safety assurance. Results of safety risk assessments and safety performance monitoring and measurement can guide the prioritization of an asset for repair or replacement.

4. National Transit Database (NTD) Rule 49 U.S.C 5335(a)

Transit agency's receiving funding from the Urbanized Area Formula Program (5307) or Rural Formula Program (5311) are required to submit data to the NTD in uniform categories. Agencies submit reports to NTD each fiscal year. The PTASP rule and NTD reporting rule are related, as both rules require agencies to track data based on the same data points; fatalities, injuries, and safety events per total revenue vehicle mile by mode, with the additional requirement of mean distance between major mechanical failures.

Appendix B: Approval by Safety Committee

A RESOLUTION

NO. 231227-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION / METRA SAFETY COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL, SUBMITAL, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN (PTASP) AS UPDATED AND/OR REVISED IN 2023 ON BEHALF OF METRA AND THE CITY OF COLUMBUS.

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation/METRA is a recipient of FTA Chapter 5307 funds; and,

WHEREAS, the FTA promulgated in its final rule 49 C.F.R. Part 673 that recipients of FTA Chapter 5307 funds must develop and implement a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) based on Safety Management Systems (SMS) principles and methods; and,

WHEREAS, the plan was developed by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Department of Transportation /METRA and complies with FTA Part 673 requirements and,

WHEREAS, the plan was amended, incorporating applicable PTASP requirements in 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d) and in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SAFETY COMMITTEE, AS FOLLOWS:

The Safety Committee hereby approves this Safety Plan as updated and/or revised in 2023 and authorizes the Chief Safety Officer and Transportation Director to approve, submit and implement this Safety Plan on behalf of the City and in compliance with federal requirements.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Department of Transportation / METRA Safety Committee held on the 27th day of December 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ___ members of said Committee.

Members:

- Daryl Edmond voting
- Willie Frazier voting
- Elijah Pitts voting
- Vivian Riggins voting
- Roni Taylor voting
- Fred Young voting

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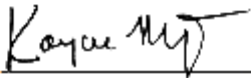
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Robert Sheridan, Transit Compliance Officer

Roni Taylor
Attested to by Roni Taylor, Safety Committee Representative

Appendix C: Approval by Governing Body

Appendix D: GDOT Plan Certification

This is to certify that the enclosed Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan prepared for METRA is in compliance with 49 C.F.R. Part 673 and has been approved by the agency's Accountable Executive on June 24, 2020 and Board of Directors or Equivalent Authority on June 23, 2020.

By:  _____

Kaycee Mertz
Acting Transit Program Manager
Georgia Department of Transportation

Date: 7/27/2020

Appendix E: Approval by MPO

File Attachments for Item:

3. FY 24 Local Road Assistance Administration Funds (LRA)

Approval is requested to submit an application and accept if awarded the FY24 Local Road Assistance Administration (LRA) in the amount of \$3,016,810.17 from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) with no local match required.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #3.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY 24 Local Road Assistance Administration Funds (LRA)
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit an application and accept if awarded the FY24 Local Road Assistance Administration (LRA) in the amount of \$3,016,810.17 from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) with no local match required.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Engineering

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit an application and accept if awarded the FY24 Local Road Assistance Administration (LRA) in the amount of \$3,016,810.17 from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) with no local match required.

Background: LRA is a GDOT grant program that provides funding to counties for resurfacing and other capital transportation projects. The proposal is to use FY 24 funds toward the Intersection Improvements along Buena Vista Rd. (Columbus Spiderweb Network) Project. Phase 1 of the project is complete. Phase II is currently out for bid, with the expected bid opening date of May 8. We are seeking additional funding for Phase II due to bids likely coming in over previously budgeted funds.

Analysis: An application and report on current LMIG-funded projects are required to be submitted to GDOT prior to approval.

Financial Considerations: The FY 24 LRA allocation from GDOT for Columbus-Muscogee County is \$3,016,810.17, with no local match requirement.

Legal Considerations: The Council must authorize the acceptance of all grants.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to submit an application and accept if awarded the FY 24 Local Road Assistance Administration (LRA) Funds from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION AND RECEIVE THE FY 2024 LOCAL ROAD ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION FUNDS GRANT (LRA) FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT).

WHEREAS, the City has received notice from GDOT they are accepting applications for the FY2024 LRA funds in the amount of \$3,016,810.17 allocated for Columbus-Muscogee County; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed use of the funds is for the Intersection Improvements along Buena Vista Road Project (Columbus Spiderweb Network); and,

WHEREAS, there is no match requirement for the grant.

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

SECTION I.

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to make application and receive funds allocated for the FY 2024 Local Road Assistance Administration from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

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

GDOT District	County	City	Total Mileage*	Population**	FY 2022 LMIG Formula Amount	FY 2023 LMIG Formula Amount	FY 2024 LMIG Formula Amount	Required LMIG Match for Previous Grants	FY 2024 LRA Formula Amount	Required FY 2024 LRA Match
2	MORGAN	BUCKHEAD	4.49	195	\$ 5,493.64	\$ 6,155.28	\$ 6,679.86	30%	\$ 8,273.26	0%
2	MORGAN	MADISON	41.64	4,894	\$ 70,638.95	\$ 71,590.98	\$ 80,786.82	30%	\$ 100,050.49	0%
2	MORGAN	RUTLEDGE	12.38	875	\$ 18,139.66	\$ 18,919.60	\$ 20,477.50	30%	\$ 25,361.38	0%
6	MURRAY	(UNINCORPORATED)	447.51	34,321	\$ 696,854.57	\$ 709,705.50	\$ 756,650.23	30%	\$ 937,105.68	0%
6	MURRAY	CHATSWORTH	40.15	4,804	\$ 68,863.03	\$ 70,360.80	\$ 78,415.72	30%	\$ 97,113.85	0%
6	MURRAY	ETON	10.01	826	\$ 16,250.52	\$ 16,574.65	\$ 17,280.85	30%	\$ 21,402.09	0%
3	MUSCOGEE	COLUMBUS-MUSCOGEE	965.79	205,617	\$ 2,179,241.32	\$ 2,225,041.24	\$ 2,436,084.31	10%	\$ 3,016,810.17	0%
2	NEWTON	(UNINCORPORATED)	766.66	95,706	\$ 1,379,456.28	\$ 1,406,155.22	\$ 1,521,602.84	30%	\$ 1,884,420.26	0%
2	NEWTON	COVINGTON	95.86	14,391	\$ 186,292.32	\$ 190,303.46	\$ 205,055.92	30%	\$ 253,946.21	0%
2	NEWTON	MANSFIELD	7.30	453	\$ 10,303.12	\$ 10,841.54	\$ 11,690.44	30%	\$ 14,478.73	0%
2	NEWTON	NEWBORN	8.03	697	\$ 13,348.01	\$ 13,639.17	\$ 14,072.59	30%	\$ 17,428.63	0%
2	NEWTON	OXFORD	13.00	2,275	\$ 27,768.57	\$ 28,351.95	\$ 29,782.80	30%	\$ 36,883.24	0%
2	NEWTON	PORTERDALE	13.06	1,828	\$ 22,854.61	\$ 23,363.54	\$ 27,127.13	30%	\$ 33,595.10	0%
1	OCONEE	(UNINCORPORATED)	417.51	37,976	\$ 665,800.06	\$ 678,085.29	\$ 742,287.66	30%	\$ 919,305.88	0%
1	OCONEE	BISHOP	2.89	342	\$ 4,894.40	\$ 4,863.70	\$ 5,621.22	30%	\$ 6,961.60	0%
1	OCONEE	NORTH HIGH SHOALS	7.60	557	\$ 12,997.02	\$ 12,792.93	\$ 12,692.15	30%	\$ 15,719.19	0%
1	OCONEE	WATKINSVILLE	20.99	2,937	\$ 43,367.19	\$ 43,749.93	\$ 43,592.81	30%	\$ 53,986.72	0%
1	OCONEE / CLARKE	BOGART	14.84	1,366	\$ 23,543.57	\$ 23,814.58	\$ 26,482.69	30%	\$ 32,798.16	0%
2	OGLETHORPE	(UNINCORPORATED)	490.77	13,410	\$ 624,189.64	\$ 635,851.02	\$ 681,872.42	30%	\$ 844,542.20	0%
2	OGLETHORPE	ARNOLDSVILLE	2.07	446	\$ 4,300.83	\$ 4,463.65	\$ 5,253.65	30%	\$ 6,506.04	0%
2	OGLETHORPE	CRAWFORD	5.14	877	\$ 10,304.84	\$ 10,663.30	\$ 11,638.30	30%	\$ 14,412.98	0%
2	OGLETHORPE	LEXINGTON	3.06	206	\$ 4,633.99	\$ 4,791.18	\$ 4,998.74	30%	\$ 6,190.96	0%
2	OGLETHORPE	MAXEYS	3.20	201	\$ 4,617.00	\$ 4,705.73	\$ 5,139.38	30%	\$ 6,365.17	0%
6	PAULDING	(UNINCORPORATED)	993.91	154,067	\$ 1,953,689.57	\$ 1,996,083.90	\$ 2,155,738.95	30%	\$ 2,669,711.54	0%
6	PAULDING	DALLAS	54.11	14,423	\$ 139,327.83	\$ 142,184.19	\$ 154,208.93	30%	\$ 190,966.14	0%
6	PAULDING	HIRAM	18.42	5,080	\$ 43,966.76	\$ 45,297.67	\$ 53,534.28	30%	\$ 66,294.50	0%
6	PAULDING / POLK	BRASWELL	3.95	365	\$ 6,625.89	\$ 6,696.70	\$ 7,057.56	30%	\$ 8,740.62	0%
3	PEACH	(UNINCORPORATED)	202.58	13,040	\$ 301,132.57	\$ 304,163.55	\$ 327,280.60	30%	\$ 405,339.57	0%
3	PEACH	BYRON	58.57	5,839	\$ 94,221.29	\$ 95,875.77	\$ 107,254.39	30%	\$ 132,831.08	0%
3	PEACH	FORT VALLEY	54.04	8,863	\$ 110,914.06	\$ 113,117.77	\$ 120,178.33	30%	\$ 148,830.56	0%
6	PICKENS	(UNINCORPORATED)	400.97	29,139	\$ 604,192.02	\$ 615,761.93	\$ 668,114.50	30%	\$ 827,458.05	0%
6	PICKENS	JASPER	42.02	4,235	\$ 69,302.89	\$ 70,660.03	\$ 77,228.06	30%	\$ 95,644.36	0%
6	PICKENS	TALKING ROCK	2.09	91	\$ 2,630.76	\$ 2,783.28	\$ 3,110.75	30%	\$ 3,852.78	0%
6	PICKENS / CHEROKEE	NELSON	11.08	1,164	\$ 20,054.01	\$ 20,531.98	\$ 20,652.57	30%	\$ 25,577.43	0%
5	PIERCE	(UNINCORPORATED)	610.26	15,217	\$ 763,195.68	\$ 778,060.40	\$ 838,989.63	10%	\$ 1,039,145.35	0%
5	PIERCE	BLACKSHEAR	41.20	3,537	\$ 65,657.91	\$ 67,148.24	\$ 71,964.11	10%	\$ 89,126.26	0%
5	PIERCE	OFFERMAN	14.25	453	\$ 18,098.31	\$ 18,728.11	\$ 20,187.31	10%	\$ 25,003.11	0%
5	PIERCE	PATTERSON	13.15	762	\$ 18,761.54	\$ 19,291.74	\$ 20,728.99	10%	\$ 25,673.19	0%
3	PIKE	(UNINCORPORATED)	351.22	16,453	\$ 482,993.72	\$ 492,437.06	\$ 529,840.75	30%	\$ 656,224.72	0%
3	PIKE	CONCORD	5.30	390	\$ 7,745.95	\$ 8,246.87	\$ 8,860.66	30%	\$ 10,973.90	0%

File Attachments for Item:

4. Georgia Recreation and Park Association (GRPA) New Initiative Grant: Youth 3D Program

Approval is requested to apply for a grant and, if awarded, accept a grant in the amount of \$1000.00 with no local match requirement. The funds will provide additional opportunities to expand and improve support for all students in the city's after-school programs and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

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TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Georgia Recreation and Park Association (GRPA) New Initiative Grant: Youth 3D Program
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for a grant and, if awarded, accept a grant in the amount of \$1000.00 with no local match requirement. The funds will provide additional opportunities to expand and improve support for all students in the city's after-school programs and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded.
INITIATED BY:	Parks and Recreation Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for a grant and, if awarded, accept a grant in the amount of \$1000.00 with no local match requirement. The funds will provide additional opportunities to expand and improve support for all students in the city's after-school programs and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

Background: The Georgia Recreation and Parks Association grant was developed to bring new initiatives to the youth in our city. It is an enhancement to the time-proven programs for youth to help keep them productive, engaged, and away from negative influences while out of school.

Analysis: This grant makes it possible for youth in our community to experience 3D projects. Participants will be able to create 3D models with 3D printers and 3D pens. This program will keep youth positively engaged and the grant will allow for enhanced offerings from the City to do so.

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

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

Recommendation/Actions: Approval is requested to apply for a grant and, if awarded, accept a grant in the amount of \$1000.00 with no local match requirement. The funds will provide additional opportunities to expand and improve support for all students in the city's after-school programs and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

**A RESOLUTION
NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, THE NEW INITIATIVE GRANT: YOUTH 3D PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1000.00 OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED, FROM THE GEORGIA RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

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

WHEREAS, having appropriate funding for after-school programs is necessary to introduce 3D projects and keep the children off the street and away from negative influences; and,

WHEREAS, the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association grant gives additional funds to Local Education Agencies, Non-Local Education Agencies, Charter Schools, Non-Profit, City or County government agencies, and for-profit corporations; and,

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

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

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

That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to apply for a grant and if awarded, accept a grant valued at approximately \$1000.00 or the amount awarded, given by the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

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 Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

5. Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network BOOST Grant Summer 2024. “Building Opportunities for Out of School Time”

Approval is requested to apply for a grant and, if awarded, accept a grant valued at approximately \$60,000.00 or the amount awarded and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. The funds will assist the City in administering programs to keep youth productively engaged and off the streets during the summer break.

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TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network BOOST Grant Summer 2024. “Building Opportunities for Out of School Time”
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for a grant and, if awarded, accept a grant valued at approximately \$60,000.00 or the amount awarded and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. The funds will assist the City in administering programs to keep youth productively engaged and off the streets during the summer break.
INITIATED BY:	Parks and Recreation Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for a grant and, if awarded, accept a grant valued at approximately \$60,000.00 or the amount awarded, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. The funds will assist the City in administering programs to keep youth productively engaged and off the streets during the summer break.

Background: The Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network BOOST grant Summer 2024 was developed with the motto, “Building Opportunities for Out of School Time.” It is an enhancement to the time-proven programs for youth to help keep them productive, engaged, and away from negative influences while out of school during the summer break.

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

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

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

Recommendation/Actions: Approval is requested to apply for a grant and, if awarded, accept a grant valued at approximately \$60,000.00 or the amount awarded, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. The funds will assist the City in administering programs to keep youth productively engaged and off the streets during the summer break.

**A RESOLUTION
NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR THE SUMMER BOOST GRANT YEAR 3 AND, IF AWARDED, ACCEPT THE MONIES GRANTED BY THE GEORGIA STATEWIDE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM NETWORK “BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUT OF SCHOOL TIME” SUMMER BOOST GRANT, YEAR 3. NO LOCAL MATCH IS REQUIRED, AND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND WOULD BE AMENDED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

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

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

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

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

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

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

That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to apply for a grant and if awarded, accept a grant valued at approximately \$60,000.00 or the amount awarded, given by the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network BOOST grant Summer 2024.

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 Davis, Clerk of Council

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

File Attachments for Item:

6. Donation Acceptance: Liberty Theatre Cultural Center

Approval is requested to accept one financial donation totaling \$5,000 given in support of the Liberty Theatre Cultural Center.

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Item #6.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Donation Acceptance: Liberty Theatre Cultural Center
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept one financial donation totaling \$5,000 given in support of the Liberty Theatre Cultural Center.
INITIATED BY:	Columbus Civic Center

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept one financial donation totaling \$5,000 given in support of the Liberty Theatre Cultural Center.

Background: Funds have been donated to the Liberty Theatre Cultural Center from Lulie and Harrison Wallace. The amount of \$5,000 was given to show their support of the Liberty Theatre Cultural Center. These funds are to be used for the good of the Liberty Theatre Cultural Center.

Analysis: The Columbus Civic Center will deposit these funds in accordance with policy and maintain records and receipts accordingly.

Financial Considerations: The donated funds are for the Liberty Theatre Cultural Center and will be placed within the Department's designated Donation fund.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to accept one financial donation totaling \$5,000.00 given in support of the Liberty Theatre Cultural Center.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED FUNDS OF \$5,000.00 FROM LULIE AND HARRISON WALLACE, WITH NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRED.

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WHEREAS, the Liberty Theatre Cultural Center is requesting the acceptance of these donated funds for use within the Department; and,

WHEREAS, Lulie and Harrison Wallace wish to give \$5,000 to the Liberty Theatre Cultural Center; and,

WHEREAS, this generous donation expresses the involvement of our community with the Liberty Theatre Cultural Center; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Theatre Cultural Center wishes to express their sincere thanks and gratitude for this display of generosity.

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to accept donated funds for the Liberty Theatre Cultural Center’s use as designated by the grantor.

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

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor 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

File Attachments for Item:

A. Steel Signal Strain Poles (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0017

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Steel Signal Strain Poles (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0017
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of steel signal strain poles from CDK Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Southern Lighting & Traffic Systems (Cumming, GA). The Traffic Engineering Division budgets approximately \$275,000.00, per fiscal year, for steel signal strain poles.

The Traffic Engineering Division will purchase steel signal strain poles, on an “as needed” basis, to include the following: round steel strain poles, heavy duty round steel mast arm poles, single and or tandem arms, decorative bases, luminaire arm. The Traffic Engineering Division installs and maintains steel signal strain poles along City owned streets within Muscogee County.

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

Bid specifications were posted on DemandStar, the City’s website and Georgia Procurement Registry on November 6, 2023. One (1) bid was received on December 6, 2023 and was not opened.

In accordance with Section 3-108, Item H of the Procurement Ordinance, the Purchasing Division performed due diligence by conducting a survey of non-responsive firms to determine if it was necessary to revise the specifications to encourage more competition. The following four (4) vendors were surveyed:

1. Control Technologies – Do not sell this product.
2. Temple, Inc. – Do not sell this product.
3. Utilicom Supply Associates – Only sell this product on a limited basis for their projects.
4. Lumin8 Transportation Technologies – No response

Based on the responses to the survey, the Purchasing Division determined that revisions were not required to the specifications. The Purchasing Division opened the one (1) bid on December 13, 2023 received from CDK Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Southern Lighting & Traffic System, who has been awarded this contract for the last four contract terms. There pricing is shown below.

CDK Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Southern Lighting & Traffic Systems (Cumming, GA)	
	*Unit Cost Sub-Total:
I. Anchor Bolts	\$2,425.00
II. Round Steel Strain Poles	
Galvanized	\$87,522.00
Powder Coat or Paint	\$11,405.00
III. Heavy Duty Round Steel Mast Arm Strain Poles - Single Arm	
Galvanized	\$188,877.00
Powder Coat or Paint	\$15,780.00
Fluted Pole – 16 Sharp & Smooth for Collar Base	\$23,400.00
Full Length Pole for 7'-8' Street Arm Light	\$5,850.00
Decorative Round Curved Arms	\$5655.00
Decorative Pole Collar Base	\$40,000
IV. Heavy Duty Round Steel Mast Arm Strain Poles - Tandem Arms	
Galvanized	\$1,390,846.00
Powder Coat or Paint	\$123,825.00
Fluted Pole – 16 Sharp & Smooth for Collar Base	\$115,200.00
Full Length Pole for 7'-8' Street Arm Light	\$28,800.00
Decorative Round Curved Arms	\$24,840.00
Decorative Pole Collar Base	\$201,250.00
V. Heavy Duty Round Steel Mast Arm Strain Poles	
Galvanized	\$78,936.00
Powder Coat or Paint	\$7,640.00
Fluted Pole – 16 Sharp & Smooth for Collar Base	\$9,000.00
Full Length Pole for 7'-8' Street Arm Light	\$2,250.00
Decorative Round Curved Arms	\$2,175.00
Decorative Pole Collar Base	\$15,875.00

*The **Unit Cost Sub-Total** encompasses various sizes and styles of strain poles. The vendor has provided pricing for arm lengths of 20' through 80' (at 5' intervals), in each of the styles listed (galvanized, powder coat, fluted, etc.). **Purchases will be made based on the arm length and style required for the work being performed.** For example: one (1) 20' Galvanized Heavy Duty Round Steel Mast Arm Strain Pole (section III) at a unit cost of \$6,020.00.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: General Fund – Engineering – Traffic Engineering - Operating Materials; 0101-250-2100-TRAF-6728; TSPLOST 60012-20240 - Whitesville Road Improvements; LOST Infrastructure Engineering – ROAD 92018-20160-MLK Intersection Enhancements

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF STEEL SIGNAL STRAIN POLES FROM CDK ENTERPRISES, INC. D/B/A SOUTHERN LIGHTING & TRAFFIC SYSTEMS (CUMMING, GA). THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION BUDGETS APPROXIMATELY \$275,000.00, PER FISCAL YEAR, FOR STEEL SIGNAL STRAIN POLES.

WHEREAS, the Traffic Engineering Division will purchase steel signal strain poles, on an “as needed” basis, to include the following: round steel strain poles, heavy duty round steel mast arm poles, single and or tandem arms, decorative bases, luminaire arm; and,

WHEREAS, the Traffic Engineering Division, of the Engineering Department, installs and maintains steel signal strain poles along City owned streets within Muscogee County; and,

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

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase steel signal strain poles from CDK Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Southern Lighting & Traffic Systems (Cumming, GA). The Traffic Engineering Division budgets approximately \$275,000.00, per fiscal year, for steel signal strain poles. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: General Fund – Engineering – Traffic Engineering - Operating Materials; 0101-250-2100-TRAF-6728; TSPLOST 60012 20240 Whitesville Road Improvements; LOST Infrastructure Engineering – ROAD 92018-20160-MLK Intersection Enhancements

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 Begley 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

File Attachments for Item:

B. Solar-Powered Bus Stop Lights (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0025

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Solar-Powered Bus Stop Lights (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0025
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of solar-powered bus stop lights from Gama Sonic USA, Inc. (Norcross, GA) at a cost of \$350.00 per unit, and total estimated contract value of \$175,000.00.

METRA will purchase the bus stop lights on an ‘as needed’ basis, and staff will perform the installation. It is the intent of METRA to install these solar lights in various bus stops throughout the City where visibility is very limited during nighttime hours. This will increase passenger visibility and safety at METRA’s bus stops.

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

Bid specifications were posted on DemandStar, the City’s website and Georgia Procurement Registry on February 8, 2024. Six (6) bid responses were received on March 13, 2024. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. The bidders were:

VENDORS	SOLAR-POWERED BUS STOP LIGHTS		
	UNIT COST	INSTALLATION COST <i>(Optional)</i>	TOTAL COST (Est. QTY: 500)
Gama Sonic USA, Inc. (Norcross, GA)	\$350.00	No Bid	\$175,000.00
Inergy Solutions (Alpharetta, GA)	\$399.00	\$150.00 per pole	\$199,500.00
Urban Solar (Beaverton, OR)	\$1,239.00	No Bid	\$619,500.00
Regency Supply (Chatsworth, CA)	\$1,420.46	No Bid	\$710,230.00
SELS USA LLC (High Point, NC)	\$1,472.18	\$225.00 per / \$112,500.00 total	\$736,090.00
GridShift Solar Lighting (Edmond, OK)	\$1,537.00	No Bid	\$768,500.00

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: Transportation Fund – Transportation – Transit Trust Fund Program – Capital Expend-Under \$5,000; 0751-610-2450-TTFP-7763. The funding for this project was awarded to METRA through the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 23 Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) grant for a total of \$747,662.00, which is 100% state funded with no local match required; see Res. No. 147-23 and Res. No. 161-23 for additional information.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SOLAR-POWERED BUS STOP LIGHTS FROM GAMA SONIC USA, INC. (NORCROSS, GA) AT A COST OF \$350.00 PER UNIT, AND TOTAL ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE OF \$175,000.00.

WHEREAS, METRA will purchase the bus stop lights on an ‘as needed’ basis, and staff will perform the installation. It is the intent of METRA to install these solar lights in various bus stops throughout the City where visibility is very limited during nighttime hours. This will increase passenger visibility and safety at METRA’s bus stops; and,

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

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase solar-powered bus stop lights from Gama Sonic USA, Inc. (Norcross, GA) at a cost of \$350.00 per unit, on an ‘as needed’ basis; and total estimated contract value of \$175,000.00. The funding for this project was awarded to METRA through the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 23 Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) grant for a total of \$747,662.00, which is 100% State funded with no local match required; see Res. No. 147-23 and Res. No. 161-23 for additional information. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: Transportation Fund – Transportation – Transit Trust Fund Program – Capital Expend-Under \$5,000; 0751-610-2450-TTFP-7763.

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 Begley 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

File Attachments for Item:

C. One (1) Low-Floor Paratransit Cutaway Bus – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

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

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of one (1) low floor paratransit cutaway bus (ARBOC Spirit of Freedom 6.6L V8 Gas 165" WB 14,200 GWVR with CBS Options) for METRA from Creative Bus Sales, Inc. (College Park, GA) in the amount of \$201,477.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0005.

The vehicle will be used for public transportation.

Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0005 is a cooperative contract whereby Creative Bus Sales, Inc. is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Public Mass Transit Vehicles and Related Options, Equipment and Accessories. The term of the contract is good through June 30, 2025. The contract is available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: Transportation Fund – Transportation – FTA – Buses; 0751-610-2400-MFTA-7724.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) LOW FLOOR PARATRANSIT CUTAWAY BUS (ARBOC SPIRIT OF FREEDOM 6.6L V8 GAS 165" WB 14,200 GWVR WITH CBS OPTIONS) FOR METRA FROM CREATIVE BUS SALES, INC. (COLLEGE PARK, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$201,477.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT #99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0005.

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

WHEREAS, Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0005 is a cooperative contract whereby Creative Bus Sales, Inc. is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Public Mass Transit Vehicles and Related Options, Equipment and Accessories. The term of the contract is good through June 30, 2025. The contract is available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) low floor paratransit cutaway bus (ARBOC Spirit of Freedom 6.6L V8 Gas 165" WB 14,200 GWVR with CBS Options) for METRA from Creative Bus Sales, Inc. (College Park, GA) in the amount of \$201,477.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002. Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: Transportation Fund – Transportation – FTA – Buses; 0751-610-2400-MFTA-7724.

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

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Barnes voting _____.
- Councilor Begley 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

File Attachments for Item:

D. Two Variable Message Signs for the Civic Center – Federal GSA Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Two Variable Message Signs for the Civic Center – Federal GSA Cooperative Contract Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of two (2) variable message signs for the Civic Center from American Signal Company (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$29,195.86 (\$14,122.93 each, plus \$950.00 freight). The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Federal General Services Administration (GSA) Contract #47QSMA21D08R6. This purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus Account for the Civic Center.

The variable message signs will be used in the parking lot of the Civic Center for informational purposes and to provide directions during events.

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

The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY24 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC -7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO._____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE TWO (2) VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS FOR THE CIVIC CENTER FROM AMERICAN SIGNAL COMPANY (ATLANTA, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,195.86 (\$14,122.93 EACH, PLUS \$950.00 FREIGHT). THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA FEDERAL GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA) CONTRACT #47QSMA21D08R6. THIS PURCHASE WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE FRIENDS OF COLUMBUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER.

WHEREAS, the variable message signs will be used in the parking lot of the Civic Center for informational purposes and to provide directions during events; and,

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

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase two (2) variable message signs for the Civic Center from American Signal Company (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$29,195.86 (\$14,122.93 each, plus \$950.00 freight). The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Federal General Services Administration (GSA) Contract #47QSMA21D08R6. This purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus Account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY24 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 -160 – 1000 – CIVC - 7761.

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

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Barnes voting _____.
- Councilor Begley 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

File Attachments for Item:

E. Comparison Microscope for Police Department – Federal GSA Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Comparison Microscope for Police Department – Federal GSA Cooperative Contract Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of one comparison microscope from Leica Microsystems, Inc. (Deerfield, IL) in the amount of \$89,117.22. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Federal General Services Administration (GSA) Contract #GS-07F-139CA.

The comparison microscope is a forensic tool which enables high precision comparison of two objects at magnifications up to 1500x. The equipment will provide reliable evidence of the tiniest differences between the microstructure, texture and color of samples.

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

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: LOST-Public Safety Fund – Police – Public Safety-LOST – Capital Equipment Over \$5,000; 0102-400-9900-LOST-7761

A RESOLUTION

NO._____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE COMPARISON MICROSCOPE FROM LEICA MICROSYSTEMS, INC. (DEERFIELD, IL) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,117.22. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA FEDERAL GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA) CONTRACT #GS-07F-139CA.

WHEREAS, the comparison microscope is a forensic tool which enables high precision comparison of two objects at magnifications up to 1500x. The equipment will provide reliable evidence of the tiniest differences between the microstructure, texture and color of samples; and,

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

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase one comparison microscope from Leica Microsystems, Inc. (Deerfield, IL) in the amount of \$89,117.22. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Federal General Services Administration (GSA) Contract # GS-07F-139CA. Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: LOST-Public Safety Fund – Police – Public Safety-LOST – Capital Equipment Over \$5,000; 0102-400-9900-LOST-7761.

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 Begley 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

File Attachments for Item:

F. Mobile Trailer with High Resolution Camera for Engineering Department – Federal GSA Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Mobile Trailer with High Resolution Camera for Engineering Department – Federal GSA Cooperative Contract Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of one mobile trailer with high resolution camera from EarthCam Inc (Upper Saddle River, NJ) in the amount of \$47,699.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Federal General Services Administration (GSA) Contract # GS-35F-0719P.

The mobile trailer with high resolution camera will enable the Traffic Engineering Division, of the Engineering Department, to monitor traffic movements, investigate Q-Alerts, and determine if improvements are needed at various locations throughout the City. The equipment provides live feed and also records data.

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

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: T-SPLOST Projects Fund – Capital Projects – T-SPLOST (2012) – Other Equipment – Traffic Calming Project; 0510 – 660 – 7000 – TSPL – 7762 - 65008 – 20180.

A RESOLUTION

NO._____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE MOBILE TRAILER WITH HIGH RESOLUTION CAMERA FROM EARTHCAM INC (UPPER SADDLE RIVER, NJ) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,699.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA FEDERAL GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA) CONTRACT #GS-35F-0719P.

WHEREAS, the mobile trailer with high resolution camera will enable the Traffic Engineering Division, of the Engineering Department, to monitor traffic movements, investigate Q-Alerts, and determine if improvements are needed at various locations throughout the City. The equipment provides live feed and also records data and,

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

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase one mobile trailer with high resolution camera from EarthCam Inc (Upper Saddle River, NJ) in the amount of \$47,699.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Federal General Services Administration (GSA) Contract # GS-35F-0719P. Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: T-SPLOST Projects Fund – Capital Projects – T-SPLOST (2012) – Other Equipment – Traffic Calming Project; 0510 – 660 – 7000 – TSPL – 7762 - 65008 – 20180.

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 Begley 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

File Attachments for Item:

G. Stryker Lifepak 15 Monitor Defibrillator and Accessories for Fire & EMS Department

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Stryker Lifepak 15 Monitor Defibrillator and Accessories for Fire & EMS Department
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of one (1) Stryker Lifepak 15 Monitor Defibrillator and accessories from Stryker Medical (Chicago, IL) in the amount of \$45,923.00.

The Columbus Fire & EMS Department has standardized to using Stryker (formerly Physio Control) cardiac monitors and automatic external defibrillators on all apparatus. The Stryker LifePak 15 is a full Cardiac Monitor utilized by Paramedics on ambulances and engines. It can run 3-lead ECG, 12-lead ECG, allow for cardiac pacing, provide manual defibrillation, monitor end-tidal CO₂, monitor blood pressure and measure SPO₂. This unit can only be used by personnel trained to the paramedic level and is the leading equipment used when providing advanced cardiac care.

Stryker/Physio Control is the manufacturer of the Lifepak 15. Consequently, to maintain compatibility with the remaining units that are in-service and to receive appropriate trade-in credit for older units, the vendor is considered the only known source for this purchase per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: General Fund - Fire & EMS – Fire & EMS Operations – Capital Expenditure Over \$5,000; 0101 – 410 – 2100 – FOPR – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) STRYKER LIFEPAK 15 MONITOR DEFIBRILLATOR AND ACCESSORIES FROM STRYKER MEDICAL (CHICAGO, IL) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,923.00.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Fire & EMS Department has standardized to using Stryker (formerly Physio Control) cardiac monitors and automatic external defibrillators on all apparatus. The Stryker LifePak 15 is a full Cardiac Monitor utilized by Paramedics on ambulances and engines. It can run 3-lead ECG, 12-lead ECG, allow for cardiac pacing, provide manual defibrillation, monitor end-tidal CO2, monitor blood pressure and measure SPO2. This unit can only be used by personnel trained to the paramedic level and is the leading equipment used when providing advanced cardiac care; and,

WHEREAS, Stryker/Physio Control is the manufacturer of the Lifepak 15. Consequently, to maintain compatibility with the remaining units that are in-service and to receive appropriate trade-in credit for older units, the vendor is considered the only known source for this purchase per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) Stryker Lifepak 15 Monitor Defibrillator and accessories from Stryker Medical (Chicago, IL) in the amount of \$45,923.00. Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: General Fund - Fire & EMS – Fire & EMS Operations – Capital Expenditure Over \$5,000; 0101 – 410 – 2100 – FOPR – 7761.

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 _____
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- 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

File Attachments for Item:

H. Fire Service Apparatus with Equipment for Fire & EMS – HGACBuy Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Fire Service Apparatus with Equipment for Fire & EMS – HGACBuy Cooperative Contract Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of fire apparatus to include: one (1) Pierce Enforcer Ladder/Quint with equipment, in the amount of \$1,322,885.00; and two (2) Pierce Enforcer Engines on the amount of \$1,764,736.00 (2 @ \$882,368.00 each) from Ten-8 Fire and Safety LLC (Bradenton, FL) for a total purchase amount of \$3,087,621.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via HGACBuy Contract #FS12-23.

The new fire apparatus will replace units that have reached the end of useful life as front-line vehicles according to the American Public Works Association (APWA) guidelines.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #FS12-23, initiated by HGACBuy, whereby Ten-8 Fire and Safety LLC was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Fire Apparatus and Related Vehicles. The contract, which commenced December 1, 2023, is good through November 30, 2027. HGACBuy is a nationwide, government procurement service striving to make the governmental procurement process more efficient. Units of local government, including non-profits providing governmental services, are eligible to become participating members of the HGACBuy Cooperative. All contracts available to participating members of HGACBuy have been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The RFP process utilized by HGACBuy meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, Cooperative Purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: LOST/Public Safety Fund - Fire & EMS – Public Safety/LOST – Heavy Trucks; 0102 – 410 – 9900 – LOST – 7723.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIRE APPARATUS TO INCLUDE: ONE (1) PIERCE ENFORCER LADDER/QUINT WITH EQUIPMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,322,885.00; AND TWO (2) PIERCE ENFORCER ENGINES OM THE AMOUNT OF \$1,764,736.00 (2 @ \$882,368.00 EACH) FROM TEN-8 FIRE AND SAFETY LLC (BRADENTON, FL) FOR A TOTAL PURCHASE AMOUNT OF \$3,087,621.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE, VIA HGACBUY CONTRACT #FS12-23.

WHEREAS, the new fire apparatus will replace units that have reached the end of useful life as front-line vehicles according to the American Public Works Association (APWA) guidelines; and,

WHEREAS, The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #FS12-23, initiated by HGACBuy, whereby Ten-8 Fire and Safety LLC was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Fire Apparatus and Related Vehicles. The contract, which commenced December 1, 2023, is good through November 30, 2027. HGACBuy is a nationwide government procurement service striving to make the governmental procurement process more efficient. Units of local government, including non-profits providing governmental services, are eligible to become participating members of the HGACBuy Cooperative. All contracts available to participating members of HGACBuy have been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The RFP process utilized by HGACBuy meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, Cooperative Purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase fire apparatus to include: one (1) Pierce Enforcer Ladder/Quint with equipment, in the amount of \$1,322,885.00; and two (2) Pierce Enforcer Engines om the amount of \$1,764,736.00 (2 @ \$882,368.00 each) from Ten-8 Fire and Safety LLC (Bradenton, FL) for a total purchase amount of \$3,087,621.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via HGACBuy Contract #FS12-23. Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: LOST/Public Safety Fund - Fire & EMS – Public Safey/LOST – Heavy Trucks; 0102 – 410 – 9900 – LOST – 7723.

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

File Attachments for Item:

I. Microsoft Software Licensing Upgrade

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Microsoft Software Licensing Upgrade
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of Microsoft software licensing upgrade from CDW Government LLC (Vernon Hills, IL), in the annual amount of \$1,435,648.54; and authorize the City Manager to enter into all agreements pertaining to this purchase, maintenance/support and renewals. The licensing upgrade includes a 3-Year Commitment with future renewals. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #081419-CDW.

The licensing upgrade is needed to keep CCG compliant with Servers, Desktops and Mobile devices utilized throughout City departments. Per Resolution #138-18, City Council approved the previous licensing upgrade.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #081419 initiated by Sourcewell, whereby CDW Government LLC was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Technology Catalog Solutions. The contract, which commenced November 21, 2019, is good through October 30, 2024. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

To facilitate the licensing upgrade, funds will be made available and budgeted each fiscal year as needed: General Fund – Information Technology – Computer Software; 0101 – 210 – 1000 – ISS – 6713.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF MICROSOFT SOFTWARE LICENSING UPGRADE FROM CDW GOVERNMENT LLC (VERNON HILLS, IL), IN THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$1,435,648.54; AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO ALL AGREEMENTS PERTAINING TO THIS PURCHASE, MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT AND RENEWALS. THE LICENSING UPGRADE INCLUDES A 3-YEAR COMMITMENT WITH FUTURE RENEWALS. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #081419-CDW.

WHEREAS, the licensing upgrade is needed to keep CCG compliant with Servers, Desktops and Mobile devices utilized throughout City departments. Per Resolution #138-18, City Council approved the previous licensing upgrade; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #081419 initiated by Sourcewell, whereby CDW Government LLC was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Technology Catalog Solutions. The contract, which commenced November 21, 2019, is good through October 30, 2024. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase Microsoft software licensing upgrade from CDW Government LLC (Vernon Hills, IL), in the annual amount of \$1,435,648.54; and authorize the City Manager to enter into all agreements pertaining to this purchase, maintenance/support and renewals. The licensing upgrade includes a 3-Year Commitment with future renewals. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #081419-CDW. To facilitate the licensing upgrade, funds will be made available and budgeted each fiscal year as needed: General Fund – Information Technology – Computer Software; 0101 – 210 – 1000 – ISS – 6713.

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 _____
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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

File Attachments for Item:

J. Amendment 17 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Amendment 17 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of Amendment 17 in the amount of \$142,363,044.00 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the Government Center Complex.

Per Resolution No. 030-20, dated February 11, 2020, Council authorized the execution of a contract with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the new Government Center Complex. Council further authorized the negotiation of costs for the remaining phases of the project.

On December 12, 2023, Council approved Amendment 15 with Gilbane Building Company for the early demolition and site work component of the Judicial Center which started construction of the Judicial Center. Approval of Amendment 17 is necessary to continue construction of the 8-story, 342,00 square foot Judicial Center. Amendment 17 includes the next phases of construction including deep foundations, concrete structure, exterior skin (roofing, windows, store front, masonry, metal panels, and curtain wall), mechanical, electrical, fire suppression, fire alarm, security, audio visual, and plumbing systems, and elevators. The amount of Amendment 17 is within the allocated budget for the scope of work. A future amendment will be brought forward for all interior finishes including drywall, paint, tile, signage, and millwork.

Document	Description	Amount
Original Contract	Construction manager as general contractor (CM/GC) for preconstruction services for the Government Center Complex, which included technical review, cost verification, cost evaluation, value engineering, schedule development, and schedule evaluation, in addition to management of the construction.	325,000.00
Amendment 1	Construction manager as general contractor (CM/GC) for preconstruction services for the new courthouse	978,000.00

Amendment 2	Early equipment package for the former Synovus Bank main office building and parking structure located on Broadway, which will serve as the new Government Center.	4,211,609.63
Amendment 3	Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment for the former Synovus Bank main office building and parking structure located on Broadway, which will serve as the new City Hall	19,288,390.37
Amendment 4	Preconstruction services for the former TSYS Building located at 1000 5 th Avenue, which will serve as the Sheriff's Administration offices and Jail Support	58,500.00
Amendment 5	Material and Labor for the construction of full-size mock-ups of the future Judicial Center courtrooms.	77,000.00
Amendment 6	Early Equipment Package for the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office Administration Building and generator and parking garage security cameras for City Hall	703,302.00
Amendment 7	Procurement and installation of back-up generator for the City Hall project.	1,427,272.00
Amendment 8	Procurement and installation of security cameras for the parking garage at City Hall	261,279.00
Amendment 9	Initial Demolition and Furniture Relocation at the new Sheriff's Administration Building	\$195,051.00
Amendment 10	Government Center Tower Modifications for Juvenile Court	\$1,374,613.00
Amendment 11	Moving Expenses	\$500,000.00
Amendment 12	Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment for the Sheriff's Office Administration Building located at 1000 5 th Avenue	\$12,871,481.00
Amendment 13	Construction of Courtroom at the new Sheriff's Office Administration Building	\$1,687,315.00
Amendment 14	Additional needs identified by the Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office Administration Building	\$1,835,294.00
Amendment 15	Early Demolition and Sitework for Judicial Center	\$5,916,826.00
Amendment 16	Emergency Management and Homeland Security Offices and Columbus Police Department Uptown Precinct	\$1,100,000.00
Amendment 17	Judicial Center Core and Shell	\$142,363,044.00
New Contract Amount		\$195,173,977.00

Funding is available for Amendment 17, as follows: G.O. Sales Tax Bonds Series 2022 - 2021 SPLOST - Judicial Center - General Construction - New Courthouse/Judicial Center; 0568-696-3116-STJC-7661-85200-20220.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT 17 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$142,363,044.00 WITH GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY (ATLANTA, GA), IN ASSOCIATION WITH FREEMAN & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AS GENERAL CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR THE GOVERNMENT CENTER COMPLEX.

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 030-20, dated February 11, 2020, Council authorized the execution of a contract with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the new Government Center Complex. Council further authorized the negotiation of costs for the remaining phases of the project.; and,

WHEREAS, On December 12, 2023, Council approved Amendment 15 with Gilbane Building Company for the early demolition and site work component of the Judicial Center which started construction of the Judicial Center. Approval of Amendment 17 is necessary to continue construction of the 8-story, 342,00 square foot Judicial Center. Amendment 17 includes the next phases of construction including deep foundations, concrete structure, exterior skin (roofing, windows, store front, masonry, metal panels, and curtain wall), mechanical, electrical, fire suppression, fire alarm, security, audio visual, and plumbing systems, and elevators. The amount of Amendment 17 is within the allocated budget for the scope of work. A future amendment will be brought forward for all interior finishes including drywall, paint, tile, signage, and millwork.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute Amendment 17 in the amount of \$142,363,044.00 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the Government Center Complex. Funding is available for Amendment 17, as follows: G.O. Sales Tax Bonds Series 2022 - 2021 SPLOST - Judicial Center - General Construction - New Courthouse/Judicial Center; 0568-696-3116-STJC-7661-85200-20220.

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Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

K. Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) Project for Police Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) Project for Police Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the five-year agreement from Tyler Technologies (Plano, TX) to provide the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) for the Police Department. The cost for the project includes the following: (1) One-time cost to initiate the project, includes: Tyler software, implementation services, third-party products and estimated travel in the amount of \$1,857,055.00; (2) Annual recurring fees for Tyler Software Maintenance in the amount of \$259,755; (3) Annual recurring fee for Software As a Service (SaaS) in the amount of \$59,550.00, and (4) Annual recurring fees for third-party software in the amount of \$6,195.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #090320-TTI.

The project includes Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) which will manage single or multiple-agency dispatching and accelerate sharing mission-critical information with first responders. Give 911 centers the tools to meet today's and tomorrow's needs with solutions that are compliant with Next Generation 911 requirements including text-to-911 functionality. The project also includes a Records Management System (RMS) which streamlines the process of collecting, storing and retrieving critical information. From a centralized repository, the system manages data via inquiries, reporting, data sharing, investigations, and administrative processes. This project, although initiated by the Police Department, affects all Public Safety Departments, as well as, the Court Management system and Information Technology has vetted the software.

Implementation time for the project will be approximately 15-to-18 months. This project will replace the current systems for CAD and RMS. Over the course of the five-year agreement there will be a total savings of \$300,000. This is because in the final two years of the agreement the payments will be less than the current vendor contract. This is important because the City will be making the final payment to the current vendor in July of the FY25 budget which leaves 12 months from then to get the new system in place. In order to meet the timelines as expeditiously as possible, the agreement with Tyler had to be signed immediately to avoid issues with down time between systems.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase Via Request for Proposal (RFP) Contract # 090320, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Tyler Technologies was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Public Sector and Education Administration Software Solutions with Related Services. The contract, which commenced December 15, 2020, is good through November 2, 2024, with an option to renew for a year at the discretion of Sourcewell. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are budget as follows: LOST/Public Safety Fund – Miscellaneous – Non-Categorical - Computer Software; 0102 – 590 – 3000 – NCAT – 6713. Funding will be budgeted in subsequent fiscal years to cover recurring annual payments.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT FROM TYLER TECHNOLOGIES (PLANO, TX) TO PROVIDE THE COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RMS) FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE COST FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING: (1) ONE-TIME COST TO INITIATE THE PROJECT, INCLUDES: TYLER SOFTWARE, IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES, THIRD-PARTY PRODUCTS AND ESTIMATED TRAVEL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,857.055.00; (2) ANNUAL RECURRING FEES FOR TYLER SOFTWARE MAINTENACE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$259,755; (3) ANNUAL RECURRING FEE FOR SOFTWARE AS A SERVICE (SAAS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,550.00, AND (4) ANNUAL RECURRING FEES FOR THIRD-PARTY SOFTWARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,195.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #090320-TTL.

WHEREAS, the project includes Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) which will manage single or multiple-agency dispatching and accelerate sharing mission-critical information with first responders. Give 911 centers the tools to meet today's and tomorrow's needs with solutions that are compliant with Next Generation 911 requirements including text-to-911 functionality. The project also includes a Records Management System (RMS) which streamlines the process of collecting, storing and retrieving critical information. From a centralized repository, the system manages data via inquiries, reporting, data sharing, investigations, and administrative processes. This project, although initiated by the Police Department, affects all Public Safety Departments, as well as, the Court Management system and Information Technology has vetted the software; and,

WHEREAS, implementation time for the project will be approximately 15-to-18 months. This project will replace the current systems for CAD and RMS. Over the course of the five-year agreement there will be a total savings of \$300,000. This is because in the final two years of the agreement the payments will be less than the current vendor contract. This is important because the City will be making the final payment to the current vendor in July of the FY25 budget. Which leaves 12 months from then to get the new system in place. In order to meet the timelines as expeditiously as possible, the agreement with Tyler had to be signed immediately to avoid issues with down time between systems; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase Via Request for Proposal (RFP) Contract # 090320, initiated by Sourcwell, whereby Tyler Technologies was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Public Sector and Education Administration Software Solutions with Related Services. The contract, which commenced December 15, 2020, is good through November 2, 2024, with an option to renew for a year at the discretion of Sourcwell The contract available under Sourcwell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcwell is a State

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a five-year agreement from Tyler Technologies (Plano, TX) to provide the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) for the Police Department. The cost for the project includes the following: (1) One-time cost to initiate the project, includes: Tyler software, implementation services, third-party products and estimated travel in the amount of \$1,857,055.00; (2) Annual recurring fees for Tyler Software Maintenance in the amount of \$259,755; (3) Annual recurring fee for Software As a Service (SaaS) in the amount of \$59,550.00, and (4) Annual recurring fees for third-party software in the amount of \$6,195.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #090320-TTI. Funds are budget as follows: LOST/Public Safety Fund – Miscellaneous – Non-Categorical - Computer Software; 0102 – 590 – 3000 – NCAT – 6713. Funding will be budgeted in subsequent fiscal years to cover recurring annual payments.

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- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

C. Enterprise Zone Update – Will Johnson, Director, Planning

Columbus Business Development Center

ENTERPRISE ZONE

What is the Enterprise Zone?

- The State Enterprise Zone program intends to improve geographic areas within cities and counties that are suffering from disinvestment, underdevelopment, and economic decline, encouraging private businesses to reinvest and rehabilitate such areas.
- **The Enterprise Zone area must meet at least three of five criteria:**
 - **Pervasive poverty** established using the most current United States decennial census prepared by the U. S. Bureau of Census .
 - **Unemployment Rate** (average for preceding yr.) at least 10% higher than State or significant job dislocation.
 - **Underdevelopment** evidenced by lack of building permits, licenses, land disturbance permits, etc. lower than development activity within local body's jurisdiction.
 - **General distress** and adverse conditions (population decline, health and safety issues etc.).
 - **General Blight** evidenced by the inclusion of any portion of the nominated area in an urban redevelopment area.

Commercial Criteria

In order to be eligible for incentives, eligible businesses must:

- Increase employment by 5 or more new full-time jobs;
- Maintain the jobs for the duration of the tax exemption period;
- Whenever possible, at least 10% of the new employees filling the jobs that satisfy the job creation requirement should be low to moderate income individuals;
- Provide economic stimulus with sufficient quantity and quality as shall be determined by the local government; and
- Such business or service enterprise may be new, an expansion, or reinvestment of an existing business or service enterprise, or a successor to such business or service enterprise.

Residential Criteria

To qualify for tax exemption for the housing enterprise zone, to include new residential construction, residential rehabilitation, or other rehabilitation of an existing structure, the value of the improvement must:

- Exceed the value of the land by a ratio of five to one (exceptions apply to ANY entity); and**
- In no event shall the value of the property tax exceptions granted to qualifying business or service enterprises within an enterprise zone created by the City exceed 10% of the value of the property tax digest of the jurisdiction.**

Benefits

Businesses/residential developments, which locate within the Enterprise Zone, may receive tax abatements for the first ten years of operation, excluding property taxes imposed by school districts. The following table describes the tax exemptions that a qualified business/residential development may receive for the first 10 years of operation.

Year	1	6	8	9	10
Benefits	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%

- School taxes, sales and use taxes, and taxes imposed for G.O. debt are excluded
- Enterprise must maintain a minimum of five jobs
- Total exemptions limited to 10% of tax digest

Additional Incentives

Other incentives that may be granted will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis by the Planning Department and could include exemption from any or all of the following:

- Building Permit fees
- Sign Permit fees
- Business License Administration fees
- Rezoning fees
- Engineering fees
- Other local fees authorized by the City Council, as applicable

History of Effort – The Enterprise Zone

- Georgia Enterprise Zone Employment Act of 1997 established Enterprise Zones for:
 - Job Growth
 - Utilization of Undeveloped Land
 - Provides property tax exemption over a ten-year period
- Ordinance #98-30 established the local enterprise zone
 - “Columbus Business Development Center” is the name given to the area

History of Effort – The Enterprise Zone

- Ordinance #00-106 amended Ordinance #98-30.
 - **“To provide that new residential construction and residential rehabilitation shall be permitted as qualified business enterprises for purposed as defined under the Georgia Enterprise Zone Employment Act of 1997, as amended.”**

History of Effort – The Enterprise Zone

- Residential development becomes eligible in Ord. 00-106
- Expanded in 2001 per Ord. 01-29
 - 420 acres added
 - Added Winterfield, 30th Avenue area, Torch Hill Road area, and the Winston Road area
- Readopted in Ord. 08-69
- Expanded in 2014 per Ord. 14-48
 - This expansion included Benning Hills, the Liberty District, Benning Tech Park, and Bull Creek Trailer Park (includes new Elliot's Walk)

Enterprise Zone Funding

Funding Sources

- **1999 SPLOST (\$7,000,000)**
 - **“The acquisition and development of property for commercial and industrial use in the defined enterprise zone area. Costs include property acquisition, infrastructure, demolition, site preparation, and construction of improvements.”**
- **1999C Bond Series (\$2,000,000)**
 - **“This project consists of acquiring approximately 200 acres of land in south Columbus for industrial development.**
 - **The property purchased would be reassembled and marketed for industrial uses to generate new jobs in Columbus.”**

Residential Redevelopment since 1998

- Arbor Pointe
- Patriot Pointe (55+)
- Avalon apartments
- Liberty Commons apartments (EZ)
- Springfield Crossing apartments
- Lumpkin Park apartments (EZ)
- Sheraton Estates Mobile Home Park (EZ)
- New/Rehabbed single family residential throughout the Zone (EZ)
- Elliot's Walk

Commercial Redevelopment since 1998

- **BD&K Foods (EZ)**
- **Ankerpak, LLC (EZ)**
- **Wells Motors (EZ)**
- **McDonald's (EZ)**
- **Columbus Tire Company (EZ)**
- **Chairmans Foods (EZ)**
- **Sun South (EZ)**

Investment Spurred By EZ & BRAC

- Valley Healthcare System
- Walmart Supercenter
- 5 hotels
- Bojangles
- Waffle House
- Taco Bell
- Family Dollar
- Dollar General
- AIM

Govt. Investment since 1998

- Victory Drive Overlay
- Follow Me Trail (TIA 1)
- Fort Moore Gateway
- Martin Luther King Jr. Learning Trail
- Liberty Theater ownership
- Resting Gardens
- Brown Avenue Bridge
- Cusseta/Brennan/Ft. Benning roundabout
- National Infantry Museum
- Baker Middle School
- Dorothy Height Elementary
- Spencer High School
- Odis Spencer Stadium
- South Columbus Library
- Demo of State Farmers Market
- Fort Benning Road streetscapes

What's Coming!

- Spiderweb Phase 2 (TIA 1)
- Buena Vista Rd/I-185 DDI
- 10 Ave/Victory Dr signal
- Military Drive
- Infantry Drive (almost ready for construction)
- I-185/Cusseta Road interchange (TIA 1)
- Riverwalk repaving (TIA 2)
- South Lumpkin Road improvements (TIA 2)
- Liberty Theater block enhancements (TIA 2)
- Andrews Road improvements (TIA 2)
- Brennen Road improvements (TIA 2)
- Buena Vista Road improvements (TIA 2)
- Cusseta Road improvements (TIA 2)
- Bull Creek Dragonfly Trail Connector (TIA 2)
- Resurfacing (Torch Hill, 30th Ave, North Lumpkin) (SPLOST)
- New Rigdon Park pool (SPLOST)

Expansion - 2024

- Warren Williams Homes
- Bull Creek
- St. Mary's Road Mobile Home parks



File Attachments for Item:

D. Homeowner Occupied Accessibility Rehab Program (HARP) Update - Rob Scott, Director,
Community Reinvestment

Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program



ARP HARP Program

- Targets the costs of necessary repairs and improvements to residential dwellings.
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Home Improvements.
- Supports vulnerable low-income households.
- Affordable Housing Preservation



City of Columbus ARP Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program

Funding Source

HARP has been allocated \$3 million in ARP funds to provide qualified households with help mitigating the financial burden of needed repairs



Funding Scope

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- Roofs
- Critical Systems
- Doors/windows
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- ADA Accessibility Improvements

**Repairs not to exceed \$30,000 per household.*

Eligibility

- Income, must be less than or equal to 80% of the Columbus area median income.
- House must be in Muscogee County.
- Income is calculated for all household members 18 years or older.
- Proof of income.

Household Size	80% Columbus Metro Area Median Income
1 Person	\$40,050
2 Persons	\$45,800
3 Persons	\$51,500
4 Persons	\$57,200
5 Persons	\$61,800
6 Persons	\$66,400
7 Persons	\$70,950
8 Persons	\$75,550
9 Persons	\$80,150
10 Persons	\$84,750

Required Documents

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- Proof of homeownership
- Legible social security cards for all household members
- Proof taxes paid in full
- Proof mortgage, if any, up to date
- Proof of homeowner insurance
- Lien free residence proof

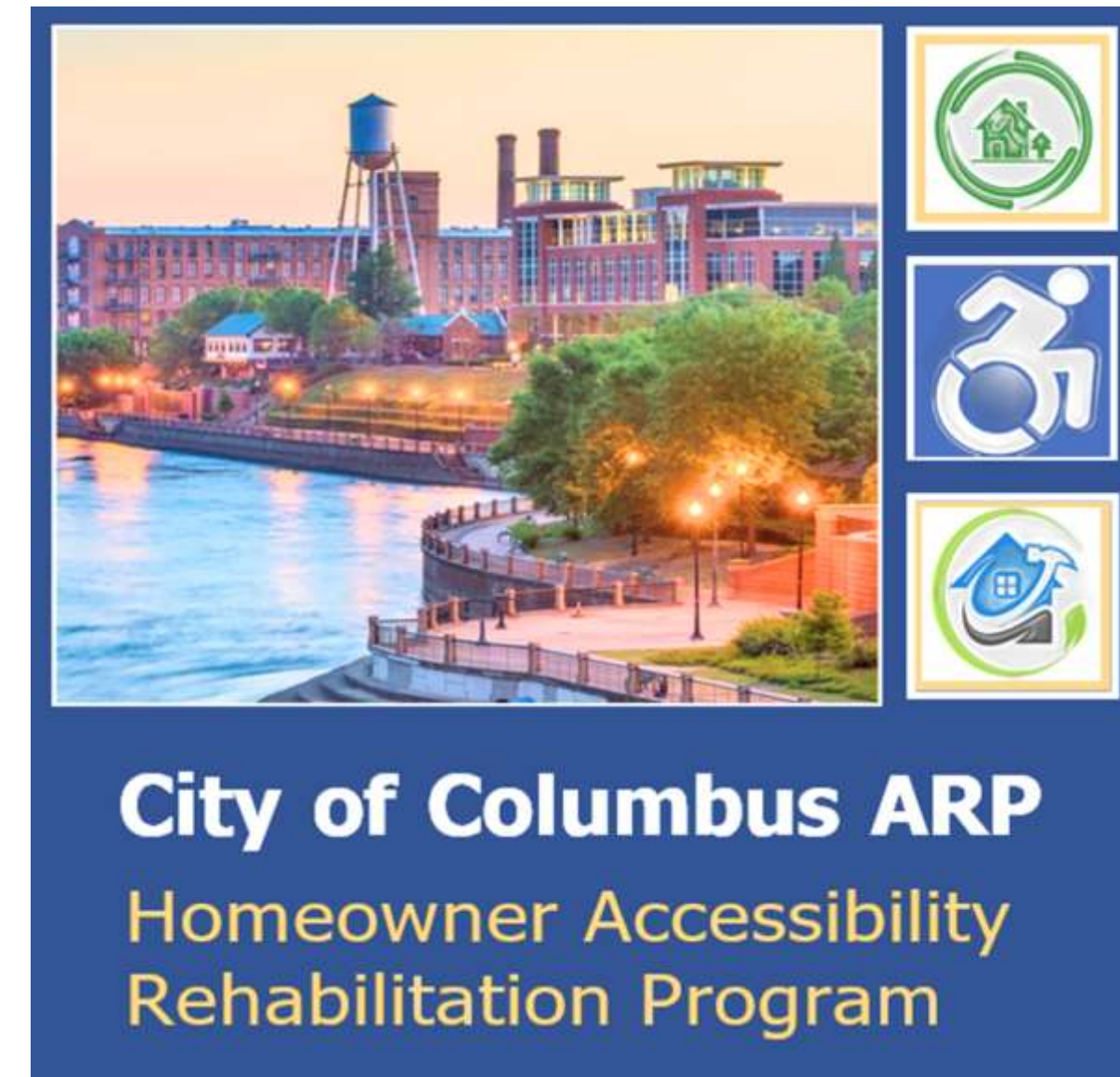
1. Prescreen for initial qualifications (**online only**)
2. In-person appointment to complete full application and collect documents
3. Home inspection and write-up



4. Cost estimate from contractor
(not to exceed \$30,000)
5. Rehabilitation Contract signed
6. Promissory note and Security
Deed execution
7. Work preformed
8. Contractor paid directly
9. Security Deed Filed



- <https://www.columbusga.gov/communityreinvestment/ARP/HARP>
- Program Overview (Required)
- Prescreen Application when available



THANK YOU!

Questions?



COMMUNITY
REINVESTMENT
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT



Item #D.

File Attachments for Item:

E. Critical Vacancies – Reather Hollowell, Director, Human Resources



Critical Vacancies Update



Columbus Consolidated
Government
April 9, 2024

Critical Vacancies Defined

- Position vacant for six (6) months or longer
- Required for organization to function effectively
- Hard to fill due to specialized area of work
- Skills in high demand

Public Safety Critical Vacancies

Item #E.

As of 03/31/2024

Department	Position Title	# of Positions	# of Vacancies	How Long Vacant
Police Department	Police Officer	372	15 5 pending new hires	Continuous
Police Department	E-911 Comm. Tech	60	21	Continuous
Sheriff's Office	Deputy and Corrections Officer	337	31 26 Deputies, 5 COs	Continuous
Muscogee County Prison	Corrections Officer	114	21	Continuous
Fire/EMS	Firefighter/EMT	401	7	Continuous

Public Safety Critical Vacancies 2019-2024

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Date	CPD Police Officer	Sheriff Deputy/Corrections Officer	MCP Corrections Officer
Mar-24	15	31	21
Jul-23	149	15	1
Feb-23	142	41	15
Jul-22	127	51	14
Feb-22	130	55	17
Nov-21	84	38	7
Mar-19	80	26	7

Pay Plan
Implemented
01/2023 →

Turnover Rate (FY2016 – FY2024)

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Columbus Police Department

	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24*
Hired	38	55	56	35	76	33	47	44	112
Retired	-14	-15	-9	-12	-12	-15	-7	-5	0
Resigned	-69	-41	-47	-34	-52	-63	-70	-63	-45
Separated /Laid Off	0	0	-2	-1	0	-1	-4	-2	-1
Deceased	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0
Net Total	-46	-1	-2	-13	11	-46	-36	-27	66

**As of 03/31/2024*

Vacancies

Item #E.

As of 03/31/2024

Department	Position Title	# of Positions	# of Vacancies	How Long Vacant
Metra Transit	Bus Operator (CDL)	52	14	Continuous
	Bus Operator (Non-CDL)	15	4*	
Parks and Recreation	Multiple Positions Full/Part Time Intermittent	328	121 (12FT, 109PT)	Continuous
Public Works	Waste Equipment Operator/ Equipment Operators (CDL)	162	14	Continuous
Public Works	Fleet Maintenance Tech I, II, III (CDL)	25	1	Continuous
Public Works	Skill Trades HVAC, Plumber, Electrician, Carpenter	19	11	Continuous
Engineering	Traffic Engineer , Project Engineers (2) Traffic Signal Supervisor Inspector, Inspector Coordinator Stormwater Manager	11	7	Continuous

*4 vacancies for Premium Bus Service approved by the Council

General Government Critical Vacancies 2019-2024

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Date	Bus Operators	Waste Equipment Operators/Other (CDL)	Parks and Rec Multiple
Mar-24	18	14	121
Jul-23	13	26	143
Feb-23	22	33	121
Jul-22	25	29	162
Feb-22	22	38	176
Nov-21	17	6	N/A
Mar -19	20	6	N/A

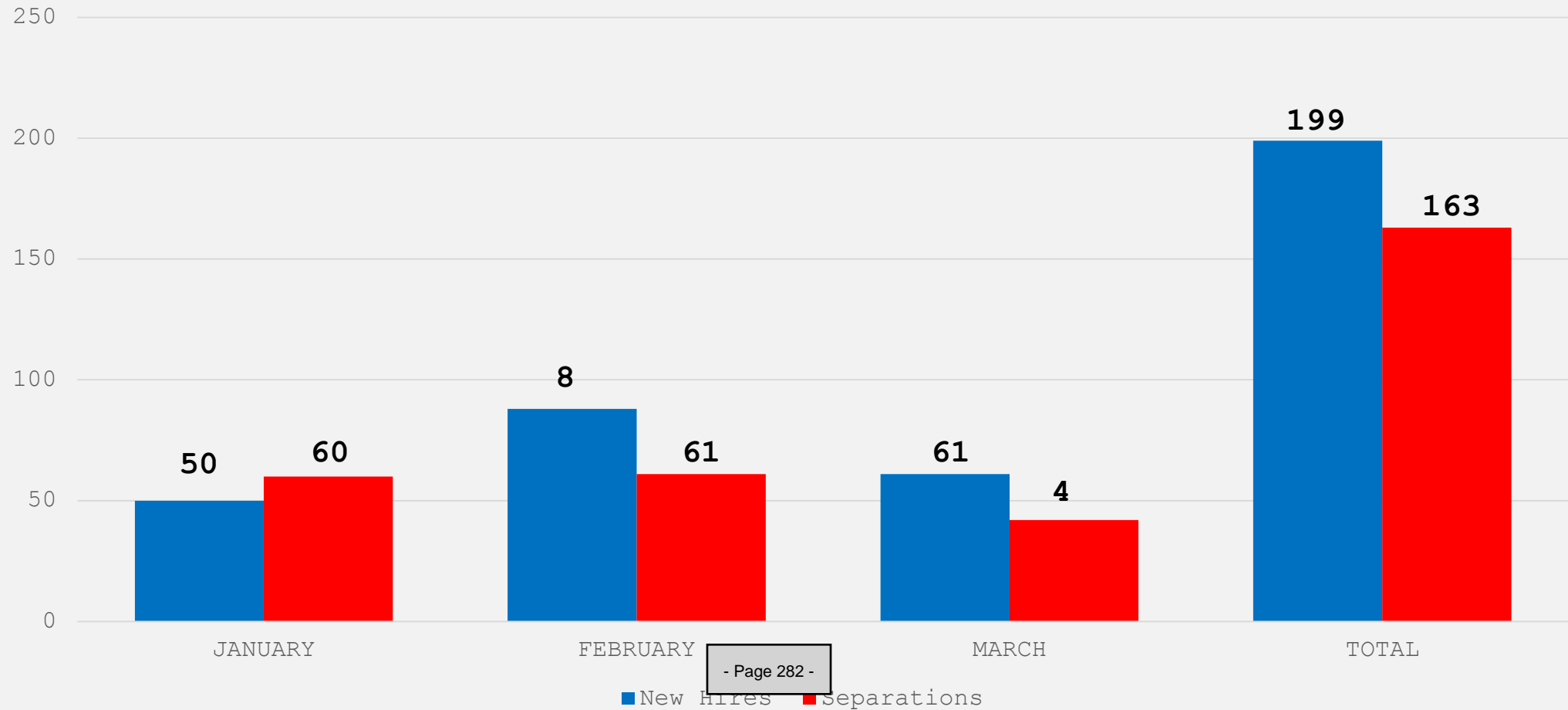
Pay Plan Implemented
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New Hires & Separations

1st Quarter 2024

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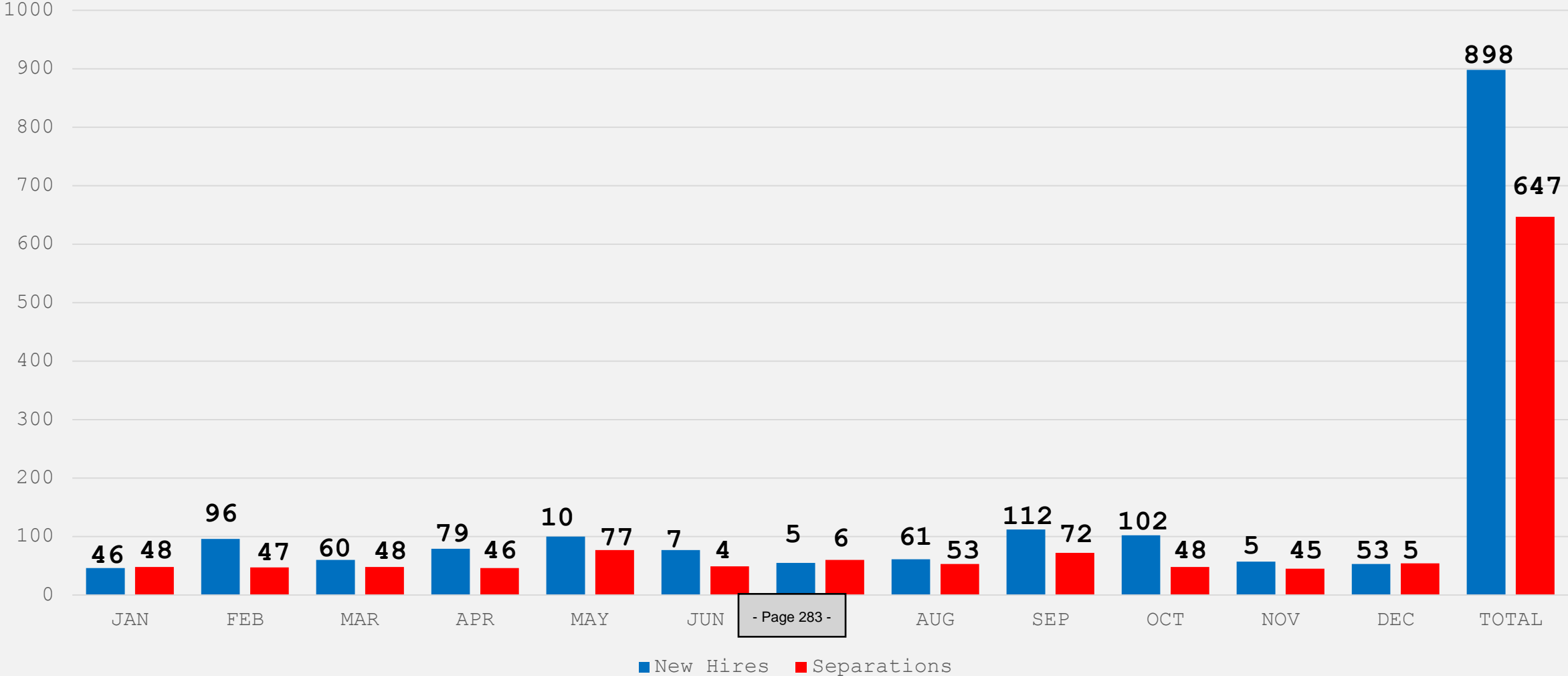
ALL CCG DEPARTMENTS



Separations 2023

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ALL CCG DEPARTMENTS



CCG Recruiting



- **132** Positions currently advertised





Recruitment Strategy

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1st Quarter 2024

- Hosted or participated in **8 Hiring Fairs**
- Public Safety at Ft. Moore weekly
- CPD Hiring Events/E-911 Techs
- Goodwill Career Center, Ft. Moore, DOL, Social Me
- Colleges, Universities and High Schools, etc.
- **Jobs Advertised:** (Jobs posted on 20+ websites)
 - CCG Career Opportunities webpage
 - Governmentjobs.com
 - Indeed.com
 - Glassdoor
 - Colleges, Universities and High Schools
- Regular interviews on local radio and TV
- Press Releases, E-Flyers, Posting flyers in neigh
- Social media outlets
 - Facebook and Instagram
 - LinkedIn, Twitter
 - Specialty Advertisement/Professional



Retention Strategy

- Competitive Salary and Benefits
- Wellness Offerings
- Free Health and Wellness Center
- Training and Development Opportunities
- Hybrid Work Schedule/Flexible Work Schedule
- Perk Time Off – Bonus Time
- Opportunities for employees to congregate/social interaction
- Work-life balance
- Family Culture
- Employee Discounts
- So much more.....



Critical Vacancies - Update

Item #E.

- Recruitment and Retention stabilizing following pandemic
- Strategies to reach applicants is working consistency is key
- Challenges continue
- CCG is a vibrant place to work
- Career Opportunities abound
- Teamwork



File Attachments for Item:

F. Golden Park Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code Enforcement

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We do amazing.

GOLDEN PARK UPDATE

April 9, 2024

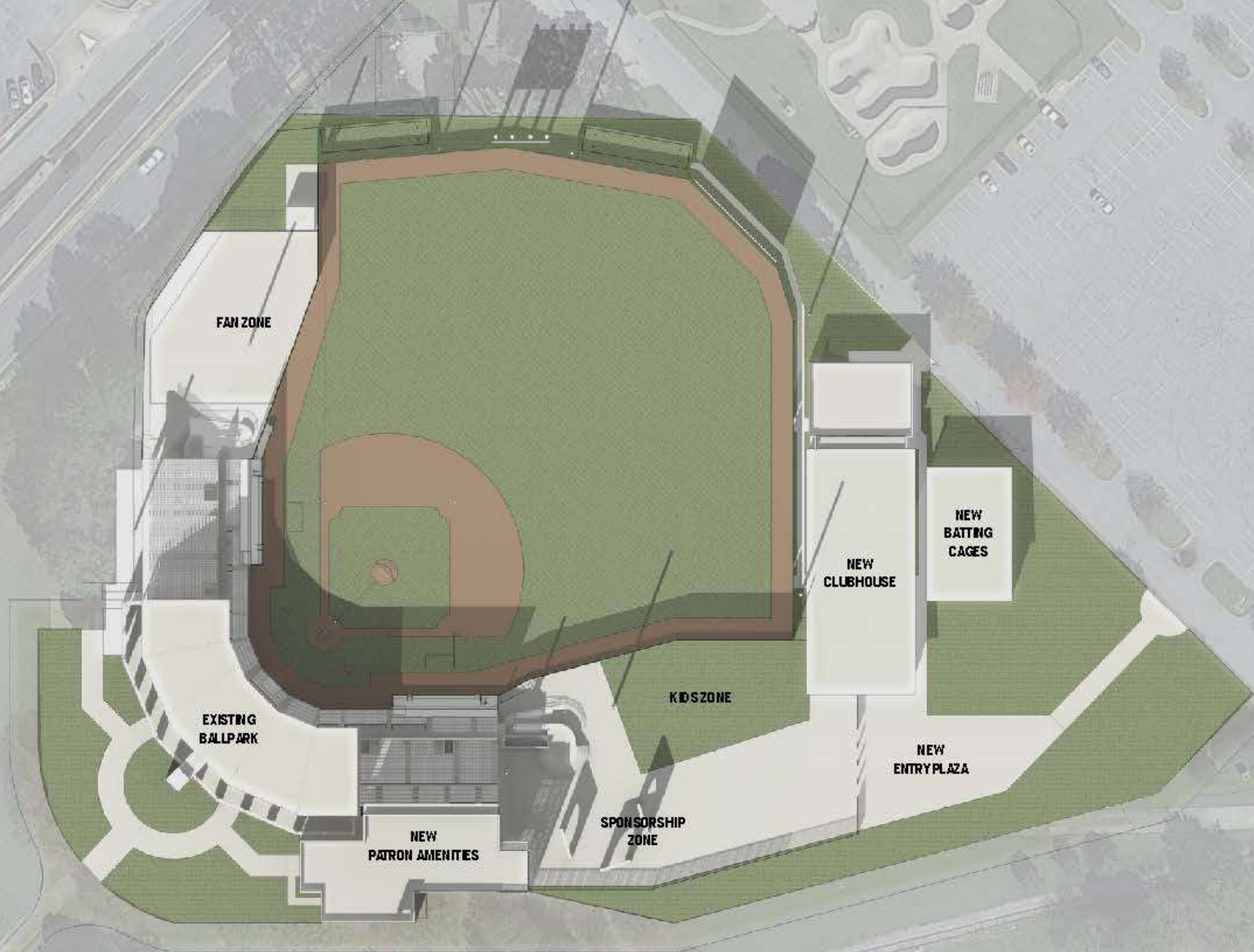
GOLDEN PARK TIMELINE

Item #F.

- ▶ February 27, 2024 – City Council authorized execution of Design-Build Contract with Brasfield & Gorrie. City Council also authorized the issuance of a limited notice to proceed not to exceed \$750,000.
- ▶ February 29, 2024 – Brasfield & Gorrie was issued the notice to proceed to begin design and construction service activities.
- ▶ March 11, 2024 – Demolition permit applied for the selective demolition of portions of two structures in right field as well as parts of the existing stadium. Demolition permit was issued 03/13/2024
- ▶ March 26, 2024 - Site Development permit was applied for; application remains under review.

SITE PLAN

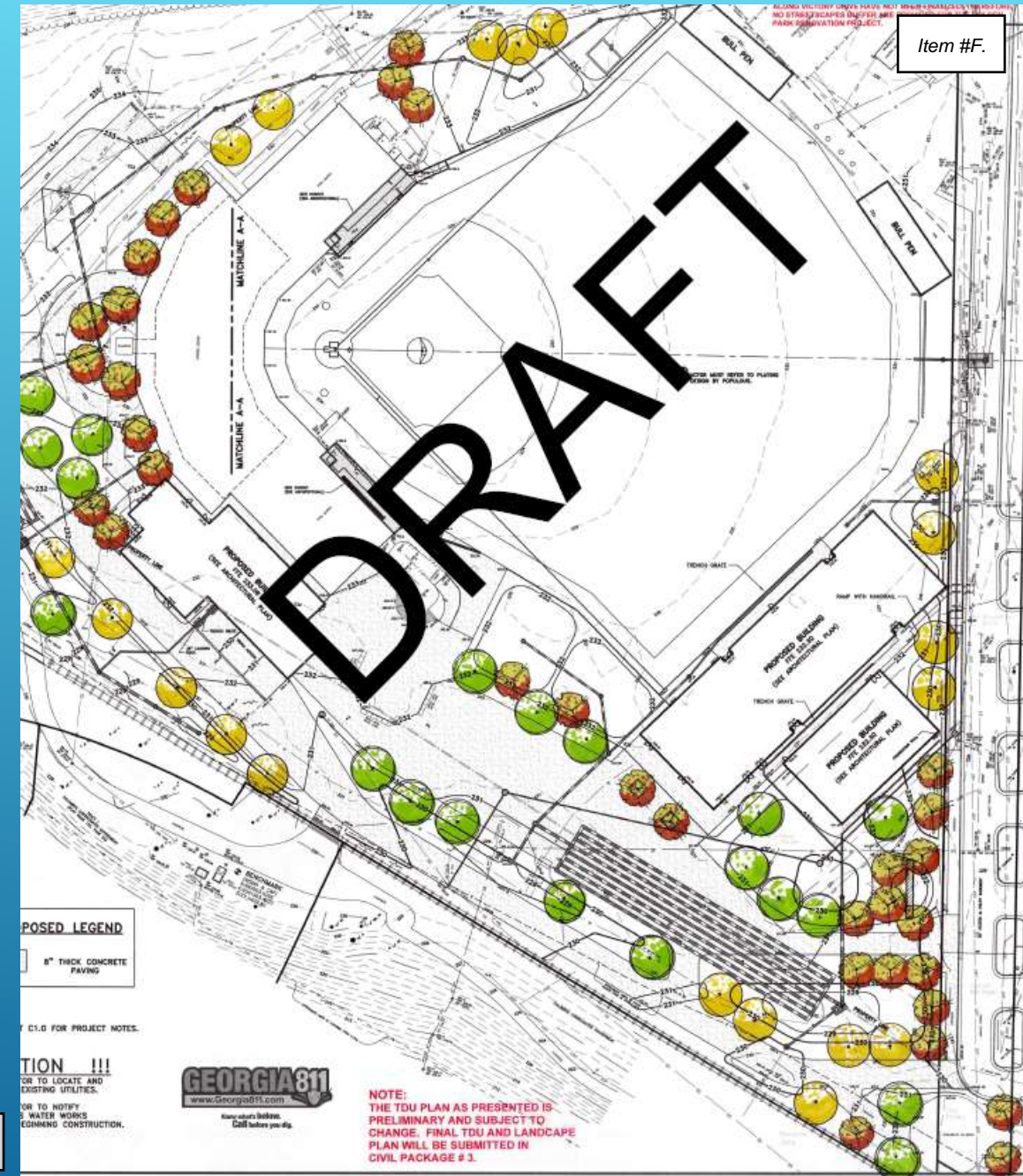
Item #F.



CONCEPT ONLY, SUBJECT TO CHANGE

GOLDEN PARK TREE PLAN

- ▶ A tree plan has been developed and submitted as part of site development application.
- ▶ Plan is being reviewed by City Staff and revisions will be made, as necessary.
- ▶ Final location of trees will be updated after final completion of other design activities.



GOLDEN PARK UPCOMING MILESTONES

Item #F.

- ▶ April 10, 2024 – Begin selective demolition of existing structures
- ▶ April 25, 2024 – Obtain Site Development Permit
- ▶ April 29, 2024 – Begin land clearing activities
- ▶ June 1, 2024 – Begin foundation activities for new structures
- ▶ April 2025 – Play Ball

QUESTIONS?

File Attachments for Item:

G. Judicial Building Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code Enforcement

City Council Meeting
April 9, 2024

Judicial Center Update



Judicial Center Update

- Since last update, additional departments have moved out of the Wings including Juvenile Court, Accountability Court, parts of the District Attorney's Office, parts of the Solicitor General's Office, and Court Reporters.
- Components of the Sheriff's Office are the only remaining tenants in the Wings.
- Work continues on the early demolition package which was approved by Council on 12/05/2023. Major work activities currently in progress include selective demolition of the underground parking deck and mass excavation.
- Amendment #17 on the agenda for approval today includes deep foundations, concrete structure, exterior skin, mechanical, electrical, fire suppression, fire alarm, security, audio visual, and plumbing systems, and elevators. Assuming approval of this package, foundation work would start in May.

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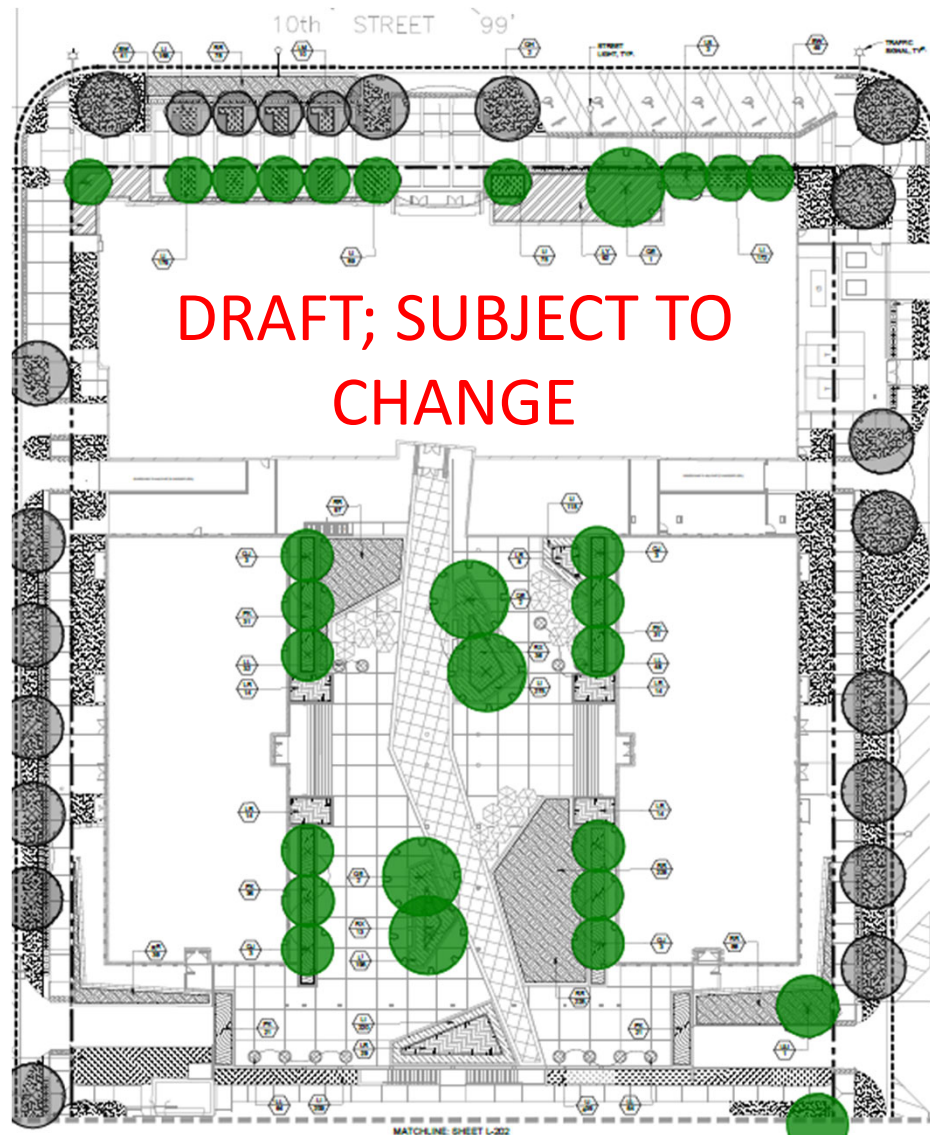
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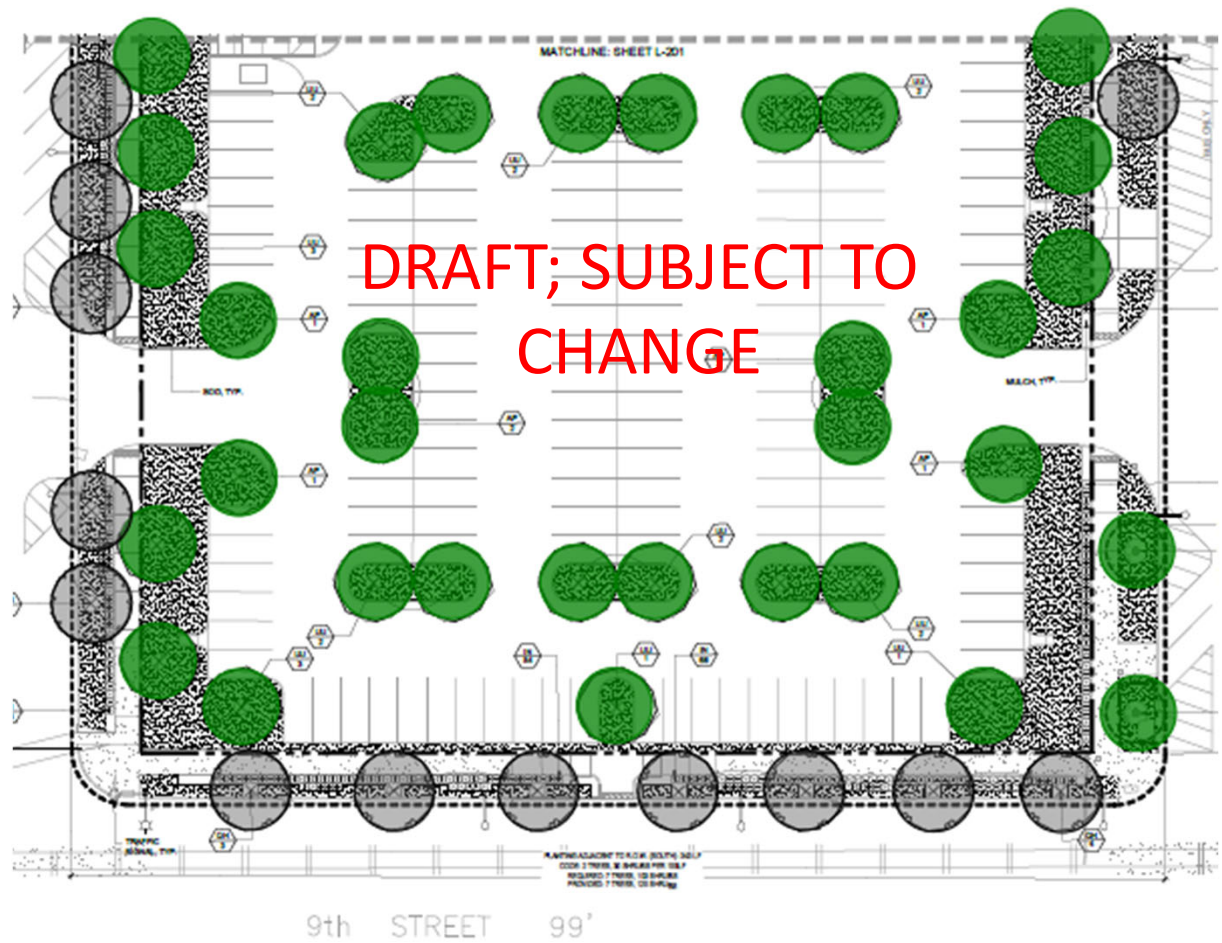
Judicial Center Tree Update

- 43 total trees are to be demolished from the existing site and adjacent right of way. Two trees from the existing site have been relocated to other City property per direction from the City Arborist. Two existing trees on right of way on the southeast corner of the site will be maintained.
- Current plans call for 60 trees to be planted inside the property lines and an additional 35 trees to be planted on City right of way adjacent to the project. Along with the two existing trees to remain, this represents an increase of 225% over the current number of trees on this site.

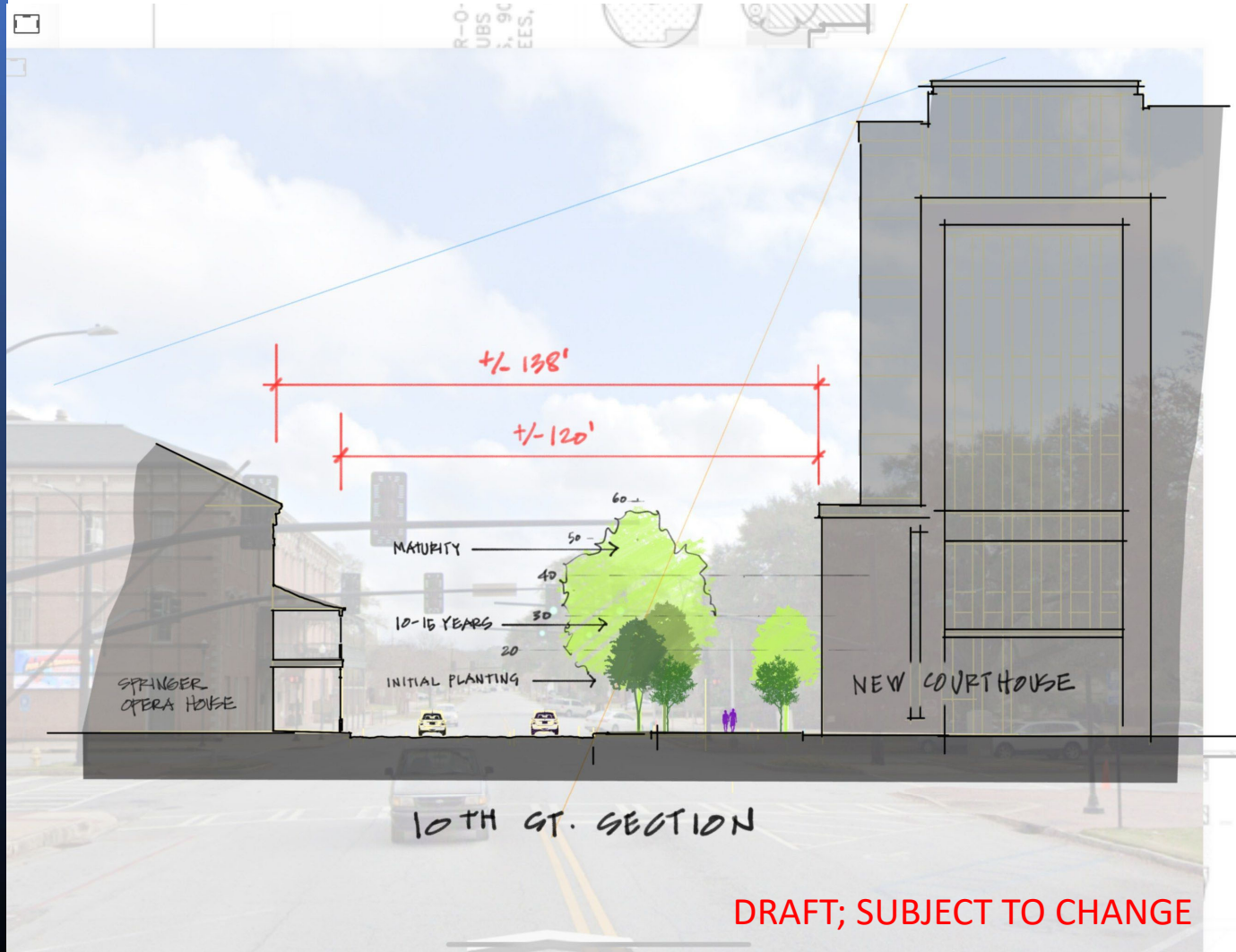
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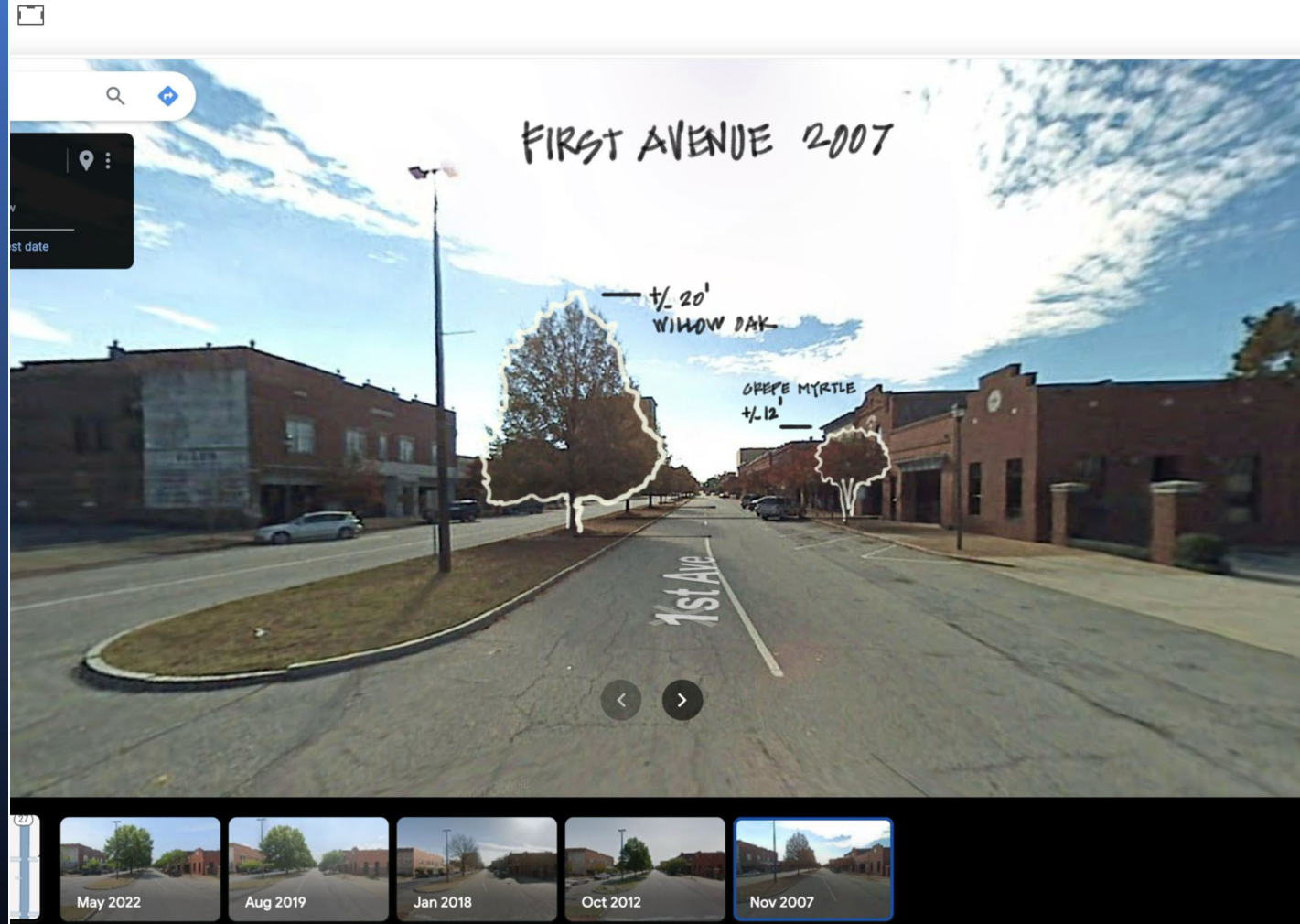
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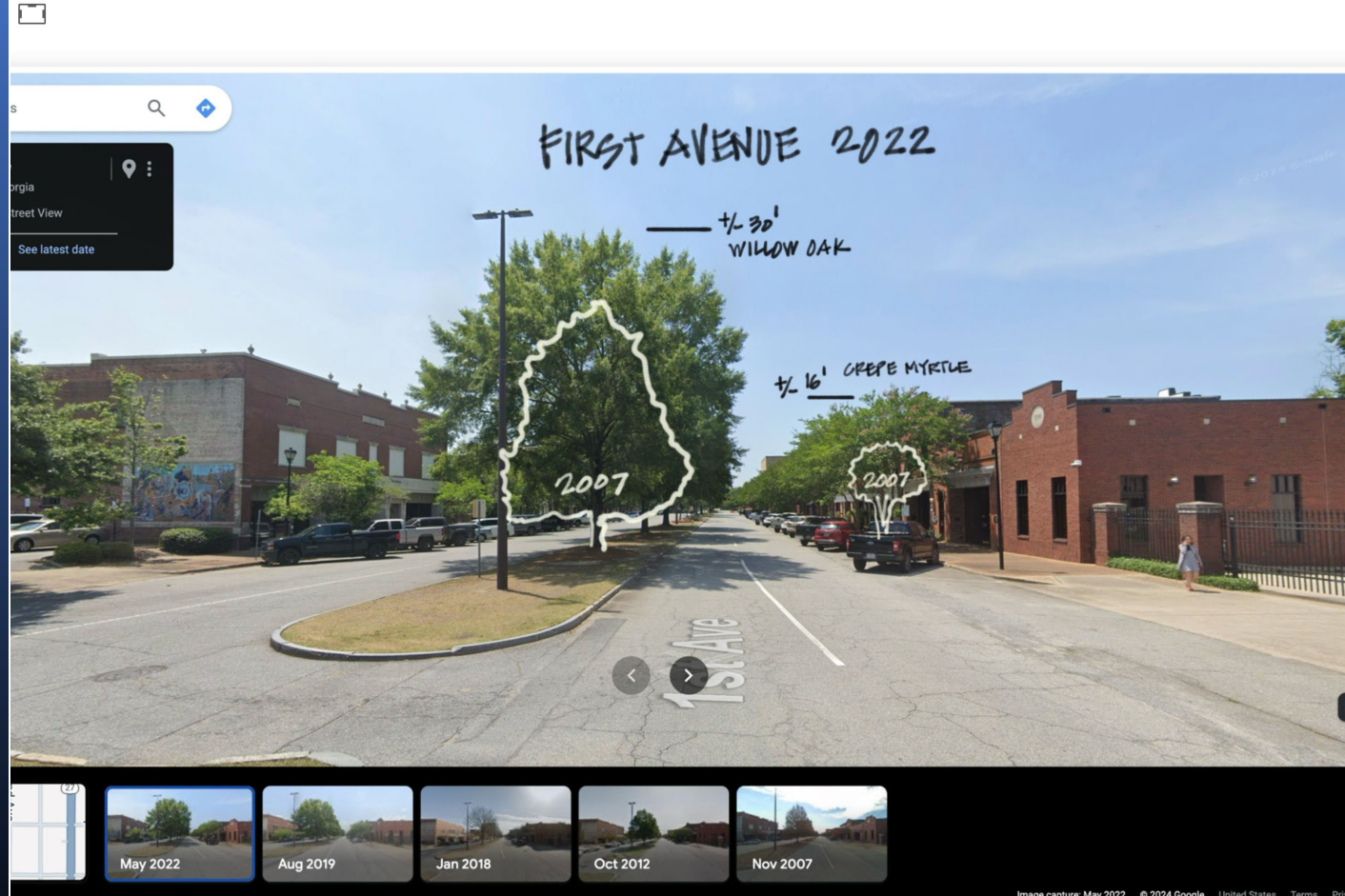
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QUESTIONS

File Attachments for Item:

DATE: April 9, 2024

TO: Mayor and Councilors

FROM: Finance Department

SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFOs

April 17, 2024

Used Oil & Antifreeze Recycling Services (Annual Contract) Re-Bid – RFB No. 24-0031

Scope of Bid

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May 1, 2024

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May 3, 2024

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May 8, 2024

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– RFB No. 24-0029

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**Columbus Consolidated Government
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Referrals 4.9.24

Columbus Consolidated Government Council Referrals

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1	In Progress	3/15/2024	Tyson Begly	Crime Dash Board Councilor Begly is requesting a Crime Dashboard be created with the metrics from the report so that they can have the information readily available.	Police	
2	In Progress	3/15/2024	Charmaine Crabb	Fund Balance Requests that the fund balance be broken down into days since the data on the slide prior was in days.	Finance	
3	In Progress	3/15/2024	Tyson Begly	Expenses Chart Requests a slide that explains expenses the same way that the FY23 General Fund Budget vs Actuals (Revenue) slide does. He would like to see them side by side.	Finance	
4	In Progress	3/15/2024	Joanne Cogle	Revenue Division Update Request that the Revenue Division Update be emailed to Council Members	Finance	
5	In Progress	3/15/2024	Joanne Cogle	Future Plans for Revenue Requests a report of the future plans for the Revenue Division. The report should include 30 days, 90 days, and 120 days moving forward.	Finance	
6	Completed	4/2/2024	Charmaine Crabb	Legacy Terrace Requesting an update on the results after the work was done on Legacy Terrace	Deputy City Manager of Infrastructure and Financial Planning Community Reinvestment	Community Reinvestment: The Housing Authority entered into a construction construction contract with Weber

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						<p>Construction for the termite repairs. The final payment to Weber Construction was completed in October 2022. Upon restoration, a resident moved into Unit B on 11/3/2022 and Unit C on 11/8/2022. Both residents still reside in these units as of today, 3/29/2024.</p>
7	In Progress	2/21/2024	Glenn Davis	<p>Budget for the Stadium Councilor Davis would like an explanation of how staff came up with the \$50 million dollar budget for Golden Park.</p>	Deputy City Manager of Infrastructure and Financial Planning	
8	Completed	2/21/2024	Tyson Begly	<p>Landfill Cost Savings Would like to see what the cost savings would be if we used a contractor's landfill instead of our own.</p>	Integrated Waste Management	<p>Integrated Waste Management: The Solid Waste Collection Request for Proposal is in process, it has been finalized and should</p>

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						<p>be advertised shortly. The submitted proposals will provide collection and disposal costs.</p> <p>To provide you with an idea of what current landfills are charging for disposal, I have attached a Landfill Cost Comparison Chart to this document. Attachments Included: LANDFILL COMPARISON FOR COUNCIL REFERREL 04032024.docx</p>
9	Completed	4/9/2024	Glenn Davis	Integrated Waste - Phenix City Requests a comparison with Phenix City.	Deputy City Manager of Operations	Integrated Waste Management: The notable difference

LANDFILL COMPARISON

Category	Columbus	Montgomery, AL *	DeKalb County	Dougherty County
Household/Garbage Waste	\$42.50 Per Ton	\$42.00 Per Ton	\$95.00 Per Ton	\$38.97 Per Ton
Construction Waste	\$42.50 Per Ton	\$7.50 Per Cubic Yard	\$95.00 Per Ton	\$38.97 Per Ton
Special Handling Waste	\$60.00 Per Ton	\$42.00 & Up \$450. Per CY	\$200.00 Per Ton	N/A
Metal	\$30.50 Per Ton	\$42,00 & Up	\$200.00 Per Ton	\$43.26 Per Ton
Organic Waste	\$34.00 Per Ton	\$7.50 Per Cubic Yard	\$95.00 Per Ton	\$38.97 Per Ton
Concrete, Dirt, Rock	\$42.50 Per Ton	\$42.00 Per Ton	\$95.00 Per Ton	\$38.97 Per Ton

*Montgomery Al states some loads may incur a \$100. Service charge and is dependent on load contents and mode of transportation.

** Transportation Cost are not included.

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					Integrated Waste Management	outside of the cost for these two cities, is the categories in which they have identified their customers. Therefore, I have placed Columbus Customers in the same category and the note to apply is the CCG Ordinance categorizes multi-family dwellings as any location with four to ten (4-10) Sec. 13-167.2 (2) (c) or more units. Attachments Included: PHENIX CITY vs COLUMBUS GF COMPARISON.docx
10	Completed	4/8/2024	Glenn Davis	<p>Integrated Waste - Citizen Involvement</p> <p>Suggests getting the citizens involved and placing stations around town or creating a centralized place for citizens to take their yard</p>	Deputy City Manager of Operations	Integrated Waste Management: Though "Drop-off"

PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA VS COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Type	Phenix City, Alabama	Columbus, Georgia
Residential/Single Family	\$21.09 per month	\$18.00 Per month
Additional Cart Fees	\$12.24 per month	\$55.00 One Time Fee
Disable Assistance	Not Offered/No charge	Offered/No additional Charge
Apartments/Multi Family Res.	\$21.09 per cart per month	Bulk/Private Collection
Office Buildings/Professional	\$27.00 per tenant	\$20.00 Curbside Collection
Mobile Homes/containers	\$21.09 Per trailer	\$18.00 per trailer
Business/Commercial Establishments other than those listed above	\$27.00	Bulk/Private Collection
Business/Commercial Establishments requiring bulk pickup in addition to container service	\$67.00 per bulk pick up	Bulk/Private Collection

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				waste without charging them extra	Integrated Waste Management	locations are great ideas in theory, they can be costly and problematic if not managed correctly. If we were to venture in this direction, we would have to identify the area (s) to house an open-top container, purchase the open-top containers, and a roll-off truck to transport these containers to and from the landfill. To provide you with an estimate of what the start-up cost for just the equipment would cost, I have listed it below: (3) Open Top Container Estimated Cost: \$30,000. (per

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						<p>site) (2) Roll-Off Truck Estimated Cost: \$334,082 each The designated location would have to be identified and large enough to accommodate this truck. The area would require enough space to allow this truck to be fully functional. Again, this site has to be staffed (2 employees per site) and secured to ensure we are only taking debris from Muscogee County. Often counties make the mistake of thinking they can create these sights without staffing the</p>

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						<p>location becomes a dump site for illegal items such as hazardous waste, scrap tires, and out-of-county waste. Staffing this facility would be the only way we can ensure we are only taking waste from Muscogee County and will prevent it from becoming a dump site for anyone who knows it exists.</p> <p>We do not recommend setting up Drop Off Stations.</p>
11	Completed	4/9/2024	Berry Henderson	<p>Integrated Waste - Incentitive Program Suggests creating an incentive program by putting a barcode on containers to track how often they are used. If a family recycles twice a month, then they qualify for a discount on their bill.</p>	Deputy City Manager of Operations Integrated	Integrated Waste Management: We have reached out to contacts in this

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					Waste Management	industry to determine eligibility and availability of companies that could implement a program of this nature. It's called a Recycling Rebate in which residents would opt to participate, and based on their recycling collection as well as our minimums would determine a rebate to that customer's cost. I will continue to follow up as more information becomes available. An RFP would be necessary.
12	Completed	4/9/2024	Tyson Begly	Animal Control - Animal First Customizations Requests to see what customizations that animal first offers compared to the other companies.	Deputy City Manager of Operations	Animal Control : The comparison was provided during the

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					Animal Control	presentation given to the Council on February 13, 2023. Attachments Included: CACC Presentation 02132024 (004).pptx
13	In Progress	2/20/2024	Joanne Cogle	RFP Process Would like to have the RFP process explained to the public again.	Deputy City Manager of Infrastructure and Financial Planning Finance	
14	Completed	4/9/2024	Glenn Davis	Animal Control Information Sheet Requests that Public Works create an information sheet for citizens to explain their rights in animal-related situations. Especially for “vicious dogs.”	Animal Control Deputy City Manager of Operations	Animal Control : Attached are frequently asked questions, flyers, that we distribute along with other informational documents. Attachments Included: Animal Control frequently asked

SHELTER SOFTWARE COMPARISON CHART

	ShelterLuv	Chameleon	Shelter Pro	AnimalsFirst
Adoption Management	X	X	X	X
Animal Database	X	X	X	X
Case Management	X	X	X	X
Foster Management	X	X	X	X
Fundraising/Donation Management	X	X	X	X
Intake Management	X	X	X	X
Kennel Management	X	X	X	X
Medical Records	X	X	X	X
Volunteer Management	X	X	X	X
Mobile Management	X	X	X	X
Customization				X
Data Import				X
Adopter's Portal				X

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15	In Progress	2/12/2024	Judith Thomas	Additional Flier for Call Centers Requests that Animal Control create a flier to describe procedures regarding animal attacks and sightings be sent to 911 and 311 operators.	Animal Control Deputy City Manager of Operations	
16	In Progress	1/12/2024	Glenn Davis	Tyler Technologies Representative Councilor Davis has requested a representative from Tyler Technologies to come before the council to discuss the finance software.	Information Technology Deputy City Manager of Infrastructure and Financial Planning Finance	
17	In Progress	1/12/2024	Tyson Begly	Finance Audit Information Request Requests a list containing the following: Renewal Notice, whether or not they paid, and whether they were shut down. In other words, combining the renewal list with the license year that it's being renewed, a delinquency list, a lockbox list, and a closed list.	Finance Deputy City Manager of Infrastructure and Financial Planning	
18	In Progress	1/12/2024	Joanne Cogle	Rigdon Park Requests that we purchase a gate at Rigdon Park similar to the gate that we installed at Carver Park.	Deputy City Manager of Operations Parks &	Parks & Recreation: The gates have been ordered and will be installed by

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: **What permits do I need for my animal in Muscogee County?**
Answer: Your dog must be current on rabies vaccinations through a licensed veterinarian and registered for a city permit issued by Animal Care and Control.

Question: **My dog's vaccinations were done by a veterinarian in another city/state? What do I need to do?**
Answer: Provide proof of rabies vaccination when registering your animal at Animal Care and Control.

Question: **Can dogs run loose in Muscogee County?**
Answer: No. In Muscogee County animals must be restrained or contained on their property. Containment includes property fence or proper tethering.

Question: **Do I need a leash to walk my dog?**
Answer: Yes. Muscogee County has a leash law that requires pet owners to control their animals on a leash or lead while in public places.

Question: **What do I do if a dog bites me or someone I know?**
Answer: You should contact Animal Care and Control and/or 911 immediately. You should always seek medical attention immediately. The Animal Control Officer will come to where the victim is to complete a bite report.

Question: **What are the procedures for a bite investigation?**
Answer: An Animal Control Officer will take a bite report from the victim and pet owner. If the victim wishes to press charges, citations will be issued to the pet owner and a summons will be given to the victim to appear in court on a specified date.

Question: **What if the owner of the biting animal is unknown?**
Answer: Animal Control will make every effort to apprehend the biting animal. If we are not able to apprehend the biting animal, an animal trap will be set to trap the biting animal.

Question: **Where is the biting dog or animal held?**
Answer: If the biting dog is current on vaccinations and registration and the bite was provoked, the pet owner will be allowed to home quarantine the dog for 10-days under the supervision of Environmental Health.

If the biting dog is not current on vaccinations or registration and the bite was unprovoked, the animal will be taken by Animal Care and Control for the 10-day quarantine period and evaluated under the supervision of Environmental Health.

If the biting dog is a stray with an unknown owner, the animal will be taken and held at Animal Care and Control for the 10-day quarantine period and evaluated under the supervision of Environment Health.

Question: **What if a biting dog bites again?**
 Answer: CACC will complete a bite report from the victim and pet owner. Citations will be issued, and the dog removed from the pet owner and held at CACC. The Division Manager of CACC will review documentation for possible classification of the animal.

Question: **What does classifying an animal mean?**
 Answer: A biting domestic animal can be classified as Potentially Dangerous or Dangerous depending on the severity of the bite and circumstances surrounding the incident. Classifications are designated by the Animal Control Advisory Board.

Question: **My neighbor's dog barks all the time. What can I do?**
 Answer: Contact CACC to make a nuisance complaint. An Animal Control Officer will be dispatched to speak with the complainant and the neighbor. If the complainant wishes to press charges, a citation will be issued to the neighbor and a summons given to the complainant with a specific date to appear in court. A citation can only be issued if the complainant wishes to press charges and is willing to go to court. If the complainant does not want to appear in court, then the citation will not be issued.

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1. Dates and times of disturbances
2. Audio and/or visual proof of the disturbances

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If the complainant goes to court, they will need to be able to provide:

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2. Visual proof of the disturbances

Question: **What can I do about my neighbor's dog tearing up my fence?**
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Question: **My dog was attacked by my neighbor's dog? What do I do?**

Answer: Seek immediate medical attention for your dog. CACC will complete an incident report. If the owner of the injured animal wishes to press charges, citations will be issued to the pet owner and a summons issued to the victim to appear in court on a specific date and time.

CACC cannot assist in monetary reimbursements for damages (i.e. medical expenses) therefore, the victim should seek legal representation.

Question: **My neighbor's dog keeps pooping in my yard? What can I do?**

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Question: **I saw a pet owner kicking/punching their dog? What can I do?**

Answer: Contact CACC or 911 to make a complaint. An Animal Control Officer will be dispatched to the scene to investigate, with the assistance of the Columbus Police Department to determine any acts of cruelty.

Question: **My neighbor's dog is constantly outside with no shelter, food, or water. What can I do to help this dog?**

Answer: Contact CACC to make a formal complaint. An Animal Control Officer will be dispatched to do a welfare check on the dog. If any violations are identified a warning or citation will be issued depending on the level of severity. A follow-up visit will be conducted within 7-14 days.

Question: **It looks like my neighbor's have moved and left their animals behind. What can I do?**

Answer: Contact CACC to make a formal complaint. An Animal Control Office will be dispatched to do a welfare check on the animals. A 72-hour notice for removal of the animals will be left on the door. A daily check will be conducted. If the animal(s) are still present after 72-hours and no contact with the owner has been made, the animal(s) will be removed and brought to CACC by an Animal Control officer.

Question: **Can I let my dog outside to use the bathroom without a leash if I do not have a fenced yard?**

Answer: Yes. However, you must properly tether the dog to ensure they do not leave the property. A proper tether includes a cable (not a chain), five times the length of the dog's body that is placed into the ground.

Question: **Is it okay for me to leave my dog in my car if the windows are down?**

Answer: You can leave your dog in a vehicle if the temperature inside the vehicle does not exceed 80-degree Fahrenheit or 27-degrees Celsius.

Question: **How often do I need to clean my dog's outside kennel?**

Answer: The kennels or pens must be cleaned weekly on all hard surfaces with which the dogs come into contact. There cannot be an accumulation of fecal matter, trash, or waste at any given time.

Question: **How many chickens can I have in my yard?**

Answer: Yes. You may have domestic fowls for accessory use on any lot two (2) acres or more in size. You may have fowl on a given lot not to exceed the ratio of bird unit per one acre, with a bird unit defined as follows:

32 chickens equal one bird unit

16 ducks equal one bird unit

8 turkeys equal one bird unit

8 geese equal one bird unit

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					Recreation	the vendor once the gates are fabricated.
19	In Progress	1/12/2024	Glenn Davis	Integrated Waste Numbers Requests the following information: 1. What is the total operational cost of the recycling center? 2. The annual Cost of what we have to do on maintenance, excluding heavy equipment (EPD maintenance of landfill). 3. What is the total cost to mitigate the closure of portions of the landfill?	Deputy City Manager of Operations Integrated Waste Management	Integrated Waste Management: Update 12-5-23: The Item was delayed, and will return for the Work Session on 1/30/23
20	In Progress	1/12/2024	Bruce Huff	Community Meeting Would like to have a follow-up community meeting with staff and the people in his district from the meeting that took place before COVID at M.L. Harris United Methodist Church	Deputy City Manager of Operations	Deputy City Manager of Operations: Deputy City Manager Goodwin, I have spoken with Councilor Huff and waiting for him to provide a date for the meeting.
21	In Progress	1/12/2024	Charmaine Crabb	Parks & Recreation Update - Clean Up Requests that a day of work or weekend of work be coordinated for citizens in Heath Park	Deputy City Manager of Operations Parks & Recreation	Parks & Recreation: Councilor Crabb sent Holli an email on 9-18-23 stating that she had reached out to the

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						<p>homeowners association and would get back to us. As of 9-20-23, we have not heard back from Councilor Crabb.</p> <p>Update 10/24/23 Councilor Crabb is working on getting a grant from the Georgia Association of Realtors to fund the upgrades.</p> <p>12/12/2023 No other response can be provided by Parks and Recreation. Resources will be provided when the homeowner's association contacts the department to schedule a date.</p>

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22	Completed	4/9/2024	Tyson Begly	<p>Integrated Waste - Holidays</p> <p>How will we account for holidays where we will have large pick-ups, such as Christmas? Also, suggest a financial analysis of fees and why they will increase.</p>	Deputy City Manager of Operations Integrated Waste Management	<p>Deputy City Manager of Operations: Residents will be able to obtain additional carts once approved by Council. Financial Analysis on rates based on privatization or internal services is being done by our consultant. An RFP to advertise has been sent Purchasing and is being vetted for advertisement, various options will be listed:</p> <p>Option A: Yard Waste Collection Only</p> <p>Option B: Household Waste</p>

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						<p>Collection Only Option C: Recycling Collection Only Option D: Household and Recycling Waste Only Option E: Bulk Waste Only Option F: All Collection Services (Household, Recycling, Yard Waste and Bulk Waste) Integrated Waste Management: Residents will be able to obtain additional carts once approved by the Council. Off-site recycling trailers are available for our residents to use whenever they have</p>

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						<p>excess cardboard, paper, etc.</p> <p>Financial Analysis on rates based on privatization or internal services is being done by our consultant. An RFP to advertise has been sent to Purchasing and is being vetted for advertisement, various options will be listed:</p> <p>Option A: Yard Waste Collection Only</p> <p>Option B: Household Waste Collection Only</p> <p>Option C: Recycling Collection Only</p> <p>Option D: Household and Recycling Waste</p>

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						Only Option E: Bulk Waste Only Option F: All Collection Services (Household, Recycling, Yard Waste and Bulk Waste)
23	In Progress	1/12/2024	Toyia Tucker	Crime Prevention Grants Requests a breakdown and definition of the cost of personnel.	Crime Prevention	
24	In Progress	1/23/2024	Tyson Begly	Fire & EMS I had two follow-upsg from slide 7 of the Fire EMS PowerPoint in the last meeting: https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/columgameet-9989af2150264ee3a984571dda5c6614/ITEM-Attachment-001-97400da668ce4bf79d68029ba871e2ef.pdf : - Numbers on the Medicare/Medicaid clearing house, to know how much to put in and the additional level of coverage received. Numbers of how much a private billing service would cost, and the amount of money it would save, and the potential impact to our acco	Fire and EMS Deputy City Manager of Infrastructure and Financial Planning Finance	Fire and EMS: See the Attachment

File Attachments for Item:

1. RESOLUTION – A resolution excusing Councilor Glenn Davis from the March 26, 2024 Council 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 Glenn Davis is hereby excused from attendance of the March 26, 2024 Council Meeting for the following reasons:

Personal Business:

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 9th day of April 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
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B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor

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

File Attachments for Item:

2. RESOLUTION – A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes from the April 9, 2024 Council 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 Jerry “Pops” Barnes is hereby excused from attendance of the April 9, 2024 Council Meeting for the following reasons:

Personal Business:

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

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Barnes voting _____
- Councilor Begly voting _____
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File Attachments for Item:

3. Email Correspondence from Mr. Jack Hayes resigning from his seat on the Historic & Architectural Review Board.

Sandra T Davis

From: Claire M Mitchell
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 11:00 AM
To: Sandra T Davis; Lindsey Mclemore; ralph.king@libertyutilities.com
Cc: Will Johnson; John Renfro
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: BHAR Resignation

Good morning all,

Jack Hayes has resigned from his seat on the Board of Historic and Architectural Review. Please let me know what I can do to begin moving the process of finding a new member to fill his seat forward. Thank you!

See the email below containing his statement of resignation.

Best regards,

CLAIRE MITCHELL

Planner I



Telephone: (706) 225-3941
Fax: (706) 225-4447
Email: mitchell.claire@columbusga.org
Website: columbusga.gov/planning
420 10th Street Columbus, Georgia 31901



From: Jack Hayes, SIOR, CCIM | NAI G2 Commercial <jhayes@g2cre.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 10:34 AM
To: Claire M Mitchell <Mitchell.Claire@columbusga.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: BHAR Resignation

Due to complications from my knee replacement surgery and my subsequent hospitalization from an allergic reaction to an antibiotic, it has made it very difficult for me to commit the time necessary to be an efficient and productive member of BHAR. My health is not where it needs to be; therefore, please accept this e-mail as my official resignation from the board.

File Attachments for Item:

4. Minutes of the following boards:

Airport Commission, February 28, 2024

Board of Tax Assessors, # 07-24, # 08-24, # 09-24 and # 10-24

Columbus Golf Course Authority, February 27, 2024

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, February 21, 2024

MINUTES AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COLUMBUS AIRPORT COMMISSION HELD AT THE COLUMBUS AIRPORT WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

The following commission members were present for the entire meeting:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Mrs. Dannell Marks, Chairwoman	December 31, 2026
Mr. James Barker, Vice Chairman	December 31, 2028
Mr. Art Guin, Treasurer	December 31, 2025

Legal Counsel: Alston Auten

Staff Members Present:

- Amber Clark, Airport Director
- Maggie Turnham, Executive Assistant
- Amanda Vickers, Facilities Technician Supervisor
- Timothy Strickland, Finance Director
- Sonya Overton, Director of Marketing & Air Service Development
- Eric Rivers, Airfield Operations Supervisor
- Shaundra Goodwin, Security Coordinator
- Joshua Patton, Airfield & Facilities Manager
- Kelvin Mullins, Public Safety Officer
- Marion Anderson, Public Safety Officer
- Mona Mitchell, Hospitality Supervisor
- Jerome Turner, Chief of Public Safety

Others Present:

- Jacob Redwine
- Phillip Thayer
- Marc Ellerbee

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Mrs. Dannell Marks called the February 28, 2024, Regular Commission Meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING ON JANUARY 31, 2023

Mrs. Marks asked to consider adoption of the minutes for the regularly scheduled commission meeting on January 31, 2023.

Motion by Mr. Guin to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Barker and unanimously approved by the Commission. Ayes: 3 No: 0

DIRECTOR'S UPDATES

Finance

Mr. Timothy Strickland gave the finance report, wherein he talked about the end of the month reports for January.

Flightways

Ms. Amber Clark gave the Flightways report, wherein she discussed hangar repairs, new hangar tenants and leases, employee updates, fuel price comparisons, and fuel sales.

Fuel Price Comparison					DATE:02/12/2024
Airport Identifier	Name	Jet A + Premixed	AvGas	SS100L	FBO COMPANY NAME
CSG		\$6.77	\$6.64	\$5.79	Flightways Columbus
MCN (478) 788-3491	Macon	N/A	N/A	N/A	Lowe Aviation
GVL (678) 989-2395	Gainesville	~	\$7.75	\$6.75	Lanier Flight Center
HSV (256) 772-9341	Huntsville	\$7.59	\$6.10	~	Signature
DHN (334) 983-4541	Dothan	\$6.76	\$6.77	~	Aero One Aviation
ECP (850) 233-4717	Panama City	\$7.94	\$7.72	~	Sheltair
CHA (423) 855-2299	Chattanooga	\$7.27	\$7.40	~	Wilson Air Center
MDQ (256) 828-1403	Dwntwn Huntsville	\$6.31	\$5.75	~	Excutive Flight Center
VPC (770) 382-9800	Cartersville	\$5.95	\$6.49	~	Phoenix Air
FFC (770) 487-2225	Falcon Field	\$6.31	\$6.39	~	Atlanta Regional Airport
AVERAGE		\$6.88	\$6.80	\$6.75	
PIM (706) 663-2083	Pine Mountain	\$5.99	\$5.40	\$5.25	
EUF (334) 687-2051	Eufaula	\$5.48	~	\$5.88	
LGC (706) 884-2121	Lagrange	\$5.25	\$5.75	\$5.40	

Human Resources

Mrs. Maggie Turnham gave the human resources report, wherein she discussed vacant positions and employee resignations/terminations. The Open Requisition Report is attached hereto.

Open Requisition Report

JOB TITLE	Pay Range	DEPT	JOB #	DATE POSTED	DATE CLOSED	COMMENTS
Airfield Operations Tech (1 of 2 positions)	\$16.00-\$24.00	Maintenance	23-05	11/27/2023	Until Filled	Pending background check
Facilities Maintenance Technician	\$16.00-\$24.00	Maintenance	24-3	2/26/2024	Until Filled	Job created
Line Service Technician - PM Shift	\$14.42-\$20.19	FBO	24-4	2/26/2024	Until Filled	Job created
PT Beverage Cart Attendant	\$9.00-\$13.00	Hospitality	24-1	1/10/2024	Until Filled	Screening Resumes and Interviewing
Chief of Public Safety	\$55,000-\$70,000	Public Safety	24-2	2/19/2024	Until Filled	Engaged with Recruiter
Human Resources Manager	\$60,000-\$80,000	Human Resources	23-17	8/22/2023	Until Filled	Engaged with Recruiter

Total Active Employees* 46 (as of February 20, 2024)
 Total Job Holds 0
 Total Job Vacancies 6
 Total Positions 52

Total Termination/Resignation 13 (as of February 20, 2024)

White: Pending
Yellow: Recommendation for hire received
Blue: Position has been filled
Tan: Temporary filled position.
Green: Hold

*Does not include employees in temp. positions, interns, or incumbents whose positions are currently posted; includes employees hired (completed in-processing, start date).
 Formula: number of days positions are open starts the day after eligibility list is forwarded to the Manager and continues until recommendation from hiring manager has been received in Human Resources
 **These positions are not included in the total job vacancy numbers for the current fiscal year.

Maintenance

Mr. Joshua Patton gave the maintenance report, wherein he thanked his team for how well they've been doing and for all their hard work and dedication. He discussed maintenance items repaired or in the process of being repaired, and hangar repair updates.

Marketing

Mrs. Sonya Overton gave the marketing report, wherein she discussed the Air Service Data Seminar that she and Ms. Clark attended, meeting with a

local artist to paint a mural for the airport, honoring Martin Luther King Jr. at the airport, participating in the STEAM event, participating in a Mardi Gras parade, social media stats, and our beverage cart earnings.

Public Safety

Mr. Jerome Turner gave the public safety report, wherein he discussed updates on the department's operations, employee training updates and status. He gave his farewell speech.

Other Matters

Mrs. Marks asked if there were any other matters.

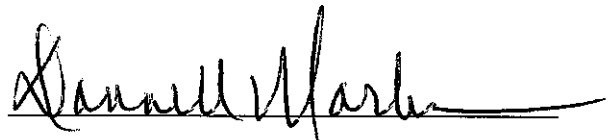
Ms. Clark talked about the Internship that the Columbus Airport is having this summer.

Mrs. Marks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion by Mr. Guin to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Barker and unanimously approved by the Commission. Ayes: 3 / No: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

APPROVED:





Maggie Turnham, Executive Assistant

Dannell Marks, Chairman



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MINUTES #07-24

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, March 4, 2024 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 Sandifer Hicks motions to accept agenda. Assessor Hammonds seconds and the motion carries.

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

At 9:05, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Audit Results – Assessor Hammonds recused himself from parcel #L2540701. Assessor Sandifer Hicks recused herself from parcel #L1934301. Signed & Approved.
- Motor Vehicle Appeal – Signed & Approved.
- Prior Year Audits – no change, placed into record.

At 9:15, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents for Commercial Division to the Board:

- BOE Results – Vice Chairman Carmack recused himself from parcel #191 025 003. Signed & Approved.

At 9:23, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Mediation Results - Vice Chairman Carmack motions to accept result. Assessor Hammonds seconds and the motion carries.
- Legislative Update

- Dept of Revenue appeal – Vice Chairman Carmack motions to approve. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

At 10:18, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

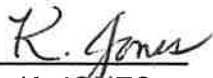
APPROVED:  _____

absent

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MINUTES #08-24

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar
Assessor Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
Assessor Kathy Jones
Assessor Todd Hammonds
Chief Appraiser/Secretary Suzanne Widenhouse via phone
Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason as Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Sandifer Hicks motions to accept agenda with noted change. Assessor Hammonds seconds and the motion carries.

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

MISCELLANEOUS: Assessor Jones motions to excuse Vice Chairman Trey Carmack from today's meeting. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:05, Administrative Manager Leilani Floyd presents to the Board:

- Veteran Homestead - #100 050 001 - Assessor Jones motions to accept. Assessor Hammonds seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:10, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents for Personal Property division to the Board:

- Motor Vehicle Appeal – Signed & Approved.

At 9:14, Commercial Division Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- BOE Results – Placed into Record.

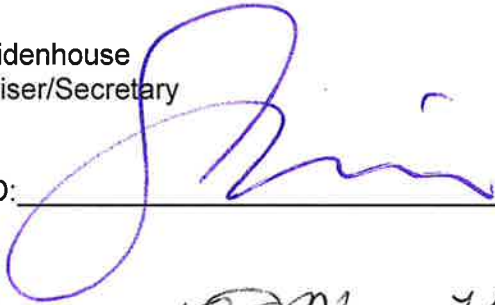
At 9:30, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse via phone presents to the Board:

- Settlement Agreement - #102 006 006 & 101 001 008 – Signed by Chairman Govar.

At 9:45, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: _____



absent
J. GOVAR
CHAIRMAN

[Signature]
L. SANDIFER HICKS
ASSESSOR

[Signature]
K. JONES
ASSESSOR

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T.A. HAMMONDS
ASSESSOR

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Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #09-24

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Trey Carmack calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

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 with noted change. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

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

MISCELLANEOUS: Assessor Sandifer Hicks motions to excuse Chairman Jayne Govar from the meeting today. Assessor Hammonds seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:07, Administrative Manager Leilani Floyd presents to the Board:

- Homestead - #100 024 052 – Signed & Approved.

At 9:08, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents for Personal Property division to the Board:

- Double Assessment – Signed & Approved.
- Motor Vehicle Appeals – Signed & Approved.

At 9:16, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Non-Disclosure Request - Signed & Approved.
- Mobile Home Correction - Signed & Approved.

At 9:18, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents for Residential Division to the Board:

- BOE Results – placed into record.

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At 9:29, Commercial Division Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:


- Bond Expiration – #113 009 005L - Signed & Approved.
- Non-Tax Denial - #046 002 017A - Signed & Approved.
- Executive Session begins at 9:36. Vice Chairman Carmack recuses himself from executive session. Vote taken following close of session to authorize the negotiation of a settlement. Assessor Hammonds motions and Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:46, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Legislative Update

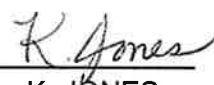
At 9:55, Vice Chairman Trey Carmack adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED:  03/25/2024


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MINUTES #10-24

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

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

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Vice Chairman Carmack motions to excuse Assessor Hammonds from the meeting today. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.
- Vice Chairman Carmack motions to excuse Assessor Jones from the meeting next Monday, April 1st. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.
- Non-Disclosure Request turned in last week is awaiting additional documentation before it can be processed.

At 9:09, Administrative Manager Leilani Floyd presents to the Board:

- Homesteads - Signed & Approved.

At 9:18, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents for Residential division to the Board:

- BOE Results – Placed into record.

At 9:20, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Mobile Home Correction - Signed & Approved.

"An Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Organization"

At 9:24, Commercial Division Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- Settlement Conference Results – Signed by Chairman Govar.
- Non-Tax Requests - #095 025 022 - Signed as a Denial. Approvals signed were #029 001 017; 028 006 010; 068 043 012; 188 032 014; 094 018 011.

At 9:35, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: _____

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J. GOVAR
CHAIRMAN

L. SANDIFER HICKS
ASSESSOR

absent

K. JONES
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VICE CHAIRMAN

COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY

AGENDA

MARCH 26, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Ricky Wright

*Note- Housekeeping measure—please silence cell phones.

MINUTES: Offered for approval, the minutes of February 27, 2024.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Steve Brown – update on course conditions.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jim Arendt

Updates on revenue reports for Bull Creek and Oxbow Creek Golf Courses.

Director's comments: Briefing on a variety of items.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC AGENDA: Persons registered to speak to the Golf Authority.

Executive Session: Discussion of personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

*Note-Next Meeting—Tuesday, April 23, 2024 @ 4:00 pm--Bull Creek Grill.

COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Chairman Ricky Wright called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the January 19, 2024, meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

Superintendent Steve Brown was ill and his report was presented by Director of Golf Jim Arendt.

The recent flood resulted in mud and debris on fairways and greens, creating some closure and limited play for days as crews worked to make the Bull Creek courses playable, Arendt said. One pump was borrowed and one was rented in order to pump water to move the sludge back into the lakes. The West course was completely open for play by Saturday, but holes 13 and 14 remain problematic. Holes that should be showpieces for

the golf course are greatly diminished by the lake that is so full of silt and growth it is unsightly and prone to flooding.

Arendt said it is expected that the Master Plan under way will present a solution to the flooding/silt problem. Long term, the answer should include the city putting in an emergency spillway that will allow better control of water flows.

“It is costing us revenue, and is a disservice to our citizens,” Arendt said of the repeated flooding the courses experience.

Oxbow Creek Golf Course had a lesser problem with flooding during the heavy rains, he said. Play was reduced for a time to just seven holes as the area from Hole 1 green to Hole 2 tee was flooded.

Godwin Creek experienced no serious flooding issues.

In his monthly report, the golf director noted that the month of February to date has resulted in \$126,000 in revenue at Bull Creek, with the revenue lost because of the flood estimated at \$30,000-\$35,000.

Revenue in January at Bull Creek was \$203,937, with the totals for the year so far reaching \$1.888 million of \$1.915 budgeted for the year. “We’re in position to beat our revenue

budget,” he said, noting that the months of March, April, May and June are traditionally strong revenue periods.

Arendt said Oxbow Creek revenues in February to date totaled \$39,493, with about \$10,000 loss due to the flood. In January, the revenue totaled \$89,097 and the fiscal year total reached \$310,728 of the budgeted \$495,000 – not counting \$100,000 that would be available as a “transfer-in” from the city if it should be needed.

Nikki Siter reported that Oxbow has put out new hazard stakes and is blocking access to some areas carts have been traveling. A split-rail fence addition to some areas also is in the offing. In addition to other scheduled outings, a request has been made to allow use of the driving range as part of a fund-raising event.

Arendt said the courses’ reserves on hand to date are \$217,183 at Bull Creek and \$(85,010) at Oxbow. Strong months ahead will help improve Oxbow’s position, he said, adding, “For us to break even at Oxbow Creek – that’s always close to a miracle.”

The Georgia State Golf Association is requesting participation of Columbus’ courses in a Youth On Course program, with the play rate for youths set at \$5 for 9 holes, of which the GSGA program will pay \$3, and \$10 for 18 holes, of which the organization will pay \$5. Arendt said the program has been a success where implemented, with the goal to encourage youth golf growth.

Former Fore Kids Golf executive Stephanie Callahan has requested permission for the group to place a memorial bench at Godwin Creek to honor the late Richard Callahan, a longtime administrator of the youth golf charity. Arendt said a planned site and description of the proposed memorial will be presented for approval.

A golfer who has been administratively banned from Bull Creek, Oxbow Creek and Godwin Creek for inappropriate contact and conduct with female employees has requested the ban be lifted. Arendt said Authority members should review the details of the events leading to the ban and be prepared next month to decide on the request.

Two used Yamaha utility vehicles have been purchased for less than \$9,000 and a John Deere Zero-Turn mower is being purchased. An existing zero-turn mower at Bull Creek will then be dispatched to Godwin Creek, where it is needed, Arendt said. Six new Yamaha fleet carts also have been requested for Godwin Creek in the 2025 fiscal year budget proposal.

A proposed point-of-sale system contract from Golf Now has been presented to the legal department, with one unit updating the Bull Creek Grill another placed at Godwin Creek. So far this year, \$5,130 has been generated at Godwin Creek with no point-of-sale system there.

The search has begun for a position of Assistant Golf Professional who would provide lessons and administer youth golf programs and instruction at Godwin Creek. A new Godwin Creek logo also has been created, Saturday clinics are in progress and the Middle School golf program is about to begin there.

A new guard for a third inmate crew at Bull Creek must be provided a firearm and contacts are being made to determine how and where such a firearm should be obtained, Arendt said.

Bull Creek also is now beginning to enjoy additional outings, with Aflac continuing to sponsor its employee league competitions there, and Pratt & Whitney also participating in its own golf league on Monday afternoons.

The future is bright for even more outings this year, including plans for play by Miss Georgia officials and workers in October, employee outings for Woodruff Properties, an outing for Harris County Chamber of Commerce, and the Columbus Water Works expanding its planned outing to 36 holes – both courses at Bull Creek – for 175-200 participants.

A request for permission for an amateur to use the range facilities to give lessons to U.S. Kids participants was presented by Arendt. But he said the policy has been to open the

golf range facilities to professionals who are qualified to give such lessons, and not to people who want to bring groups to the range without such qualifications.

Vice Chairman William Roundtree made a motion that the Director of Golf be paid the same car allowance that the city affords directors of its departments. The city is now paying \$648 a month in car allowance for department directors. The motion was seconded by Richard Mahone and passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn, made by Ken Crumpler and seconded by William Roundtree, passed by unanimous vote.

Attending the meeting were Chairman Ricky Wright, Vice-Chair William Roundtree, Secretary Jim Houston, Ken Crumpler, Richard Mahone, Tommy Nobles, Gerald Miley and Kenneth Davis. Alonzo Jones was absent.

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Fund	Department	Unit	Revenue Source	Revenue Source Name	Current Period Revenue	YTD Revenue	YTD Cash Collected	Current Revenue Budget	Unrecognized Revenue Budget	Percent
0756 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fd	099 - Government Wide Revenue	1999 - Government Wide Revenue								
4542			Operations - Golf Course		12,487.75	232,375.97	232,375.97	403,000.00	170,624.03	42.34%
4543			Golf Range Fees		4,363.29	31,950.76	31,950.76	32,637.00	686.24	2.10%
4544			Snack Bar- Golf Course		3,864.61	32,633.66	32,633.66	28,363.00	(4,270.66)	-15.06%
4582			Sale Of Merchandise		4,054.27	37,779.85	37,779.85	31,000.00	(6,779.85)	-21.87%
4842			Vendors Comp. - Sales Tax		73.99	832.22	832.22	0.00	(832.22)	0.00%
4931			Transfer In-General Fund		0.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100.00%
Total For Unit 1999 - Government Wide Revenue					24,843.91	335,572.46	335,572.46	595,000.00	259,427.54	43.60
Total For Department 099 - Government Wide Revenue					24,843.91	335,572.46	335,572.46	595,000.00	259,427.54	43.60

Sales By Department

Oxbow Creek Golf Course

Thursday, February 1, 2024 - Thursday, February 29, 2024

Item by Department, Category, and Sub-Category	Sales					Refunds			Total		
	Qty	Sales	Tax	Cost	Margin	Qty	Sales Refund	Tax Refund	Qty	Sales	Tax
Cart Fees	537	\$5,945.65		\$0.00	100.00%				537	\$5,945.65	
Food & Beverage	2,023	\$4,160.79		\$0.00	100.00%				2,023	\$4,160.79	
Gift Certificate	2	\$56.00							2	\$56.00	
Green Fees	1,633	\$22,007.95				(2)	(\$27.52)		1,631	\$21,980.43	
Pro Shop	1,202	\$9,757.33		\$2,296.91	76.46%	(1)	(\$8.26)		1,201	\$9,749.07	
Total	5,397	\$41,927.72	\$3,753.21	\$2,296.91	94.52%	(3)	(\$35.78)	(\$3.22)	5,394	\$41,891.94	\$3,749.99

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Fund 0756 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fd
 Department 590 - Miscellaneous
 Unit 2000 - Contingency

Appropriation 0333 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course Contingency

Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	YTD Obligations	Total	Budgeted Amount	Current	Budget Balance	Unobligated
6268	Other Employee Benefits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,174.00	5,174.00	100.00%	
Total For Appropriation 0333		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,174.00	5,174.00	100.00%	
Total For Unit 2000		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,174.00	5,174.00	100.00%	

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Fund 0756 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fd
 Department 590 - Miscellaneous
 Unit 3000 - Non-Categorical
 Appropriation 3178 - OXBOW CREEK

Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	YTD Total Obligations	Current Budgeted Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
6810	Cost Allocation Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,151.00	6,151.00	12,302.00	6,151.00	50.00%
6843	Allocated Workers Comp Costs	649.92	0.00	0.00	5,199.36	5,199.36	7,799.00	2,599.64	33.33%
Total For Appropriation 3178		649.92	0.00	0.00	11,350.36	11,350.36	20,101.00	8,750.64	43.53%
Total For Unit 3000		649.92	0.00	0.00	11,350.36	11,350.36	20,101.00	8,750.64	43.53%
Total For Department 590		649.92	0.00	0.00	11,350.36	11,350.36	25,275.00	13,924.64	55.09%

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Fund 0756 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fd
 Department 640 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course
 Unit 2100 - Oxbow Creek Pro Shop
 Appropriation 0181 - OXBOW CREEK - PRO SHOP

Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	Total Obligations	Current Budgeted Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
6105	Salaries-General Government	10,981.95	0.00	0.00	87,530.36	87,530.36	106,658.00	19,127.64	17.93%
6110	Wages	3,452.50	0.00	0.00	29,503.75	29,503.75	38,568.00	9,064.25	23.50%
6115	Overtime Pay	382.97	0.00	0.00	3,205.57	3,205.57	0.00	(3,205.57)	0.00%
6170	Sick Leave - GG	441.51	0.00	0.00	865.19	865.19	0.00	(865.19)	0.00%
6172	Vacation Leave GG	147.00	0.00	0.00	1,233.52	1,233.52	0.00	(1,233.52)	0.00%
6174	Other Leave GG	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,213.44	2,213.44	0.00	(2,213.44)	0.00%
6205	Fica Contributions	1,146.49	0.00	0.00	9,600.03	9,600.03	11,170.00	1,569.97	14.00%
6210	Employer Retirement Cont-GG	747.10	0.00	0.00	5,422.93	5,422.93	9,035.00	3,612.07	39.98%
6220	Group Health Insurance	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	8,200.00	8,200.00	22,100.00	13,900.00	62.90%
6225	Group Life Insurance	57.86	0.00	0.00	438.22	438.22	722.00	283.78	39.30%
6235	Unused Sick Leave	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,105.96	1,105.96	1,000.00	(105.96)	-10.60%
6643	Local Millage Reimbursement	42.77	0.00	0.00	290.17	290.17	0.00	(290.17)	0.00%
Total For Appropriation 0181		18,500.15	0.00	0.00	149,609.14	149,609.14	189,253.00	39,643.86	20.95%

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0756	Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fd			6315	Consulting	0.00	0.00	26,000.00	0.00	26,000.00	0.00	(26,000.00)	0.00%
				6319	Contractual Services	1,107.66	0.00	0.00	9,151.25	9,151.25	12,000.00	2,848.75	23.74%
				6521	Building Maintenance & Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00%
				6621	Telephone	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	100.00%
				6626	Newspaper/Periodic al Advertisi	426.71	0.00	0.00	426.71	426.71	3,500.00	3,073.29	87.81%
				6629	Cable	0.00	0.00	0.00	707.94	707.94	0.00	(707.94)	0.00%
				6631	Printing Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00%
				6632	Copier Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	100.00%
				6657	Membership Dues And Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	472.00	472.00	2,000.00	1,528.00	76.40%
				6711	Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	401.47	401.47	1,500.00	1,098.53	73.24%
				6728	Operating Materials	3,150.20	0.00	0.00	10,353.78	10,353.78	2,500.00	(7,853.78)	-314.15%
				6742	Water	72.02	0.00	0.00	1,357.02	1,357.02	700.00	(657.02)	-93.86%
				6743	Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,317.54	11,317.54	4,000.00	(7,317.54)	-182.94%
				6761	Merchandise For Redistribution	1,122.75	0.00	0.00	40,212.39	40,212.39	38,500.00	(1,712.39)	-4.45%
				6771	Food	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,029.79	18,029.79	26,000.00	7,970.21	30.65%
				Total For Appropriation 3158		5,879.34	0.00	26,000.00	92,429.89	118,429.89	94,700.00	(23,729.89)	-25.06%
				Total For Unit 2100		24,379.49	0.00	26,000.00	242,039.03	268,039.03	283,953.00	15,913.97	5.60%

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Fund 0756 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fd
 Department 640 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course
 Unit 2200 - Oxbow Creek Maintenance
 Appropriation 0182 - OXBOW CREEK - MAINTENANCE

Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	YTD Obligations	Total Obligations	Budgeted Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
6110	Wages	7,195.82	0.00	0.00	57,966.45	57,966.45	96,656.00	38,689.55	40.03%	
6115	Overtime Pay	496.68	0.00	0.00	3,596.83	3,596.83	0.00	(3,596.83)	0.00%	
6170	Sick Leave - GG	0.00	0.00	0.00	827.80	827.80	0.00	(827.80)	0.00%	
6172	Vacation Leave GG	0.00	0.00	0.00	165.56	165.56	0.00	(165.56)	0.00%	
6174	Other Leave GG	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,655.60	1,655.60	0.00	(1,655.60)	0.00%	
6205	Fica Contributions	550.15	0.00	0.00	4,742.11	4,742.11	7,394.00	2,651.89	35.87%	
6210	Employer Retirement Contr-GG	480.78	0.00	0.00	3,615.16	3,615.16	5,982.00	2,366.84	39.57%	
6220	Group Health Insurance	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	13,000.00	5,000.00	38.46%	
6225	Group Life Insurance	16.56	0.00	0.00	130.49	130.49	478.00	347.51	72.70%	
Total For Appropriation 0182		9,739.99	0.00	0.00	80,700.00	80,700.00	123,510.00	42,810.00	34.66%	

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0756	640 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course	2200 - Oxbow Creek Maintenance	3171 - OXBOW CREEK - MAINTENANCE	6319	Contractual Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,592.00	2,592.00	2,592.00	0.00	(2,592.00)	0.00%
				6521	Building Maintenance & Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	275.00	275.00	275.00	500.00	225.00	45.00%
				6543	Equipment Rental/Lease	5,781.03	0.00	0.00	23,061.69	23,061.69	23,061.69	67,000.00	43,938.31	65.58%
				6577	Parks Maintenance	2,441.00	0.00	0.00	3,959.40	3,959.40	3,959.40	1,500.00	(2,459.40)	-163.96%
				6601	Education/Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	100.00%
				6641	Travel, Schools & Conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	100.00%
				6657	Membership Dues And Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00%
				6673	State Inmate Wages	438.00	0.00	0.00	4,188.00	4,188.00	4,188.00	4,000.00	(188.00)	-4.70%
				6721	Auto Parts And Supplies	316.37	0.00	0.00	4,233.30	4,233.30	4,233.30	12,000.00	7,766.70	64.72%
				6727	Horticulture/Landscape Suppl	1,945.56	0.00	0.00	22,234.70	22,234.70	22,234.70	30,000.00	7,765.30	25.88%
				6728	Operating Materials	1,046.76	0.00	0.00	8,026.47	8,026.47	8,026.47	16,000.00	7,973.53	49.83%
				6743	Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,092.34	3,092.34	3,092.34	14,156.00	11,063.66	78.16%
				6746	Motor Fuel	478.51	0.00	0.00	10,736.78	10,736.78	10,736.78	11,000.00	263.22	2.39%
				Total For Appropriation 3171		12,447.23	0.00	0.00	82,399.68	82,399.68	82,399.68	161,656.00	79,256.32	49.03%

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0756	Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fd			7721	Automobiles	0.00	0.00	43,182.00	0.00	43,182.00	43,182.00	43,182.00	0.00	0.00%
	640 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course			7762	Other Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	100.00%
Total For Appropriation 6152						0.00	0.00	43,182.00	0.00	43,182.00	43,182.00	48,182.00	5,000.00	10.38%
Total For Unit 2200						22,187.22	0.00	43,182.00	163,099.68	206,281.68	333,348.00	127,066.32		38.12%
Total For Department 640						46,566.71	0.00	69,182.00	405,138.71	474,320.71	617,301.00	142,980.29		23.11%
Total For Fund 0756						47,216.63	0.00	69,182.00	416,489.07	485,671.07	642,576.00	156,904.93		24.44%



VisitColumbusGA

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Commissioners Present: Lauren Becker, Chair; Miles Greathouse, Secretary/Treasurer; Amy Bryan, Sherricka Day (virtual), Pace Halter, Peter Jones, Michelle Spivey

Commissioners Absent: Jamie Waters; Dan Gilbert; Mayor Skip Henderson

Special Invitees Present: Norm Easterbrook, RiverCenter for the Performing Arts; Haley Tillery, Columbus GA Convention & Trade Center; Merri Sherman, Columbus Sports Council; Ed Wolverton, Uptown Columbus, Inc.

Staff Present: Peter Bowden, Shelby Guest, Kim Gonzalez, and Ashley Woitena

Call to Order Lauren Becker

- The February 2024 meeting was called to order by Lauren Becker at 4:00pm.

Secretary Treasurer Report Miles Greathouse

- Miles Greathouse presented the consent agenda -- minutes for the January 2024 meeting, as well as financials for January 2024. He asked if there were any questions or discussion. There being none, a motion was made by Michelle Spivey to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Pace Halter. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.
- Mr. Greathouse turned the meeting over to Peter Bowden to discuss the FY 2025 budget. Mr. Bowden began by saying staff was projecting a 10% increase in hotel/motel tax. The budget includes \$350,000 miscellaneous income to offset the absence of American Rescue Funds. He pointed out there were several line items that reflected a reduction and that his report to the board would focus on those expenses that increased; this was based on year-to-date expenses; in essence an adjustment using the current budget comparison. There were general questions about vehicle maintenance, building lease, copier charges, etc. A motion was made by Pace Halter to approve the FY 2025 budget, seconded by Miles Greathouse. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Report Lauren Becker

- Ms. Becker introduced Norm Easterbrook, Executive Director of the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts. Mr. Easterbrook gave a recap on Arts Day at the Capital. Mr. Easterbrook shared that the day long event included a keynote Speaker, Randy Cohen from Americans for the Arts, who spoke about his national research on the social impact arts and culture benefits communities, such as neighborhood pride and cultural identity, as well as how arts and culture contribute to strengthening communities socially, educationally, and economically providing long-lasting benefits year-after-year. Mr. Easterbrook concluded his remarks by saying Georgia Arts Day ended with leaders in Georgia arts engaging in dialogue about how relationship-building with public policymakers to help create long-term partnerships leads to

greater prosperity and success of arts impact throughout the State. He participated in a panel moderated by Mala Sharma of Georgia Music Partners along with others from Greater Augusta Arts Council, Georgia Association of Museums, the Fox Theatre, and Georgia Senator Sonya Halpern.

President’s Report Peter Bowden

- Next, Ms. Becker turned the meeting over to Peter Bowden. He began by giving an update on the State of the City meeting. Mr. Bowden discussed several of the mayor’s points which included the importance of kindness to one another, emphasizing how this would make Columbus a better place. The mayor also spoke about economic development and the success of tourism.
- Mr. Bowden advised the Board the return of the Tuskegee Morehouse Football Classic and VisitColumbus’ participation the news conference that took place earlier in the month. He said he felt that the Football Classic had returned to Columbus because of the partnerships that most communities do not share and that it was those relationships -- such as with VisitColumbus, the Columbus Sports Council and the Consolidated Government -- that made it possible to lure the Classic out of Birmingham and return to Columbus.
- There was discussion about the AAA Black History Trail news conference which staff participated in as part of Black History Month. Columbus is part of a bi-state trail connecting significant African American points of interest, of which Columbus boasts over 32 historic sites.
- Travel Writer Tour – working with the Columbus Museum and Georgia Public Broadcasting (GPB), Mr. Bowden explained that this collaboration was developed to publicize the Museum’s re-opening and that three journalists are scheduled to take part of a two-and-a-half day visit late April leading up to the Museum’s opening. Included in this publicity is a radio, television, and social media campaign with GPB. The writer tour will focus on other museums throughout Columbus.
- There was a brief discussion about House Bill 1180 which provides additional support for rural destinations outside the Atlanta metro area to boost film production. Mr. Bowden pointed out that Joel Slocumb, VisitColumbus’ Film Commissioner, has worked on this effort along with thirteen other Georgia film destinations. Staff will continue to watch this piece of legislation.
- Mr. Bowden briefed the Board on the \$5 Hotel Transportation fee slated to sunset in 2025. He said that discussions are taking place on next steps; whether it will go away, be repurposed, etc. He also explained this is a part of the discussion centered around the Tourism Investment District program of work.
- Digital Edge Campaign update. Ashley Woitena reviewed the latest report from Digital Edge, an agency consultant specializing in meeting and convention marketing. She went through a series data points from digital media retargeting to social distribution, from email campaigns to website traffic and how this works together to help staff identify prospects and position Columbus as a meeting and convention destination. (see attached presentation).
- The president’s report concluded with an overview of social media analytics and how the data reflects performance above national standards in the hospitality category.

Adjournment Lauren Becker

With no further business, Ms. Becker adjourned the meeting at 5:01pm.

File Attachments for Item:

. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS: Ms. Geniece Granville was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Thomas' nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2028

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS: Mr. Travis Chambers was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Thomas' nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2028

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VACANT

(Council District 2- Davis)

Term Expired: March 27, 2024

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(Council District 3- Huff)

Not Eligible to succeed

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Dr. Jean Waguespack

Open for Nominations

Veterinarian Association Representative

(Council's Appointment)

(Seat declared vacant)

Term Expires: October 15, 2024

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HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

Rev. Curtis West

Open for Nominations

Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Bd Rep.

(Council's Appointment)

No longer a resident of Muscogee County

Term Expired: January 31, 2024

In accordance with Ordinance 24-012, this seat is slated for a member serving on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board.

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Cynthia Williams Jordan

Open for Nominations

Seat declared vacant

(Council's Nomination)

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Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 3

KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

Lee Jordan
Representative

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

(SD-29)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: June 30, 2023

VACANT
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(SD-29)

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