

## Council Members

R. Gary Allen  
Charmaine Crabb

District 1 Seat (Vacant)  
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

June 4, 2024  
5:30 PM  
Regular Meeting

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## MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Pastor Bruce Conage, Rosehill Memorial Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

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

### **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the May 28, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

### **OATH OF OFFICE:**

2. Oath of Office administered to the newly appointed Columbus Councilor District 1- Byron Hickey by Chief Superior Court Judge Arthur L. Smith, III.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

3. **TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS PUBLIC HEARING:** 6:00 p.m. The budget tentatively adopted by the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate. Therefore, before the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia Law requires that three public hearings be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on this increase.

## **PROCLAMATION:**

4. **Proclamation:** Brookstone High School Baseball State Championship  
**Receiving:** Greg Mathis, Head Coach
5. **Proclamation:** NeighborWorks Columbus Week  
**Receiving:** Cathy Williams, Executive Director of NeighborWorks
6. **Proclamation:** Caribbean American Heritage Month  
**Receiving:** Aysia Berry

## **PRESENTATION:**

7. An extension to qualify for alcohol sales on Sundays. (Presented by Ms. LeAnne Browning, representing Fetch, Inc.)

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

- 1.** **2nd Reading-** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of the Columbus Code which provide for the foreclosure of liens on property for which funds are due and owing to the consolidated government; and for other purposes. (continued on 2nd Reading due to inconclusive vote) (Councilor Begly)
- 2.** **1st Reading and Public Hearing-** An ordinance adopting an operating and capital improvement budget for the Fiscal Year 2025 beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)
- 3.** **1st Reading-** An ordinance adopting non-operating budgets for the fiscal year 2024 beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget. (Budget Review Committee)
- 4.** **1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for contributions to the Columbus, Georgia General Government Employees' Pension Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)

- 5. 1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the governmental contributions to the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for employees of the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)
- 6. 1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for Government funding of a Major Disability Income Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)
- 7. 1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for Government funding of a Death Benefit Escrow for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)
- 8. 1st Reading-** An ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code Solid Waste Collection and Disposal by updating certain fees and the guidelines for an offset to the residential rate for low-income households; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)
- 9. 1st Reading-** An ordinance renewing Business Improvement Districts in Columbus, Georgia through December 31, 2034; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
- 10. 1st Reading-** An ordinance adopting new permit fees for Building Code inspections in Section 8-14.4 of the Columbus Code; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Ms. Julee Fryer, representing the Animal Control Advisory Board, Re: The Animal Control Advisory Board supports the Columbus Animal Care and Control staffing model for the FY25 Budget.
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Reparations in 2028.
3. Miss Courtney Pierce, representing PAWS Humane Society, Re: Reconsideration of appropriate staffing levels at Animal Care and Control.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. Golden Park Cell Tower 5-Year Lease Extension**

Approval is requested to execute the third and final lease renewal for the purpose of leasing the Golden Park Cell Tower to SBA Towers VI, LLC.

2. **UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Jail Update - Drale Short, Director, Public Works
- B. MCP FY24 Budget Update – Herbert Walker, Warden, Muscogee County Prison

**BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** June 04, 2024

**June 7, 2024**

1. **Interactive Floor/Play System (Re-Bid) – PQ No. 24-0005**

Scope of Quote

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

**CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA**

**ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

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

Budget Review Committee, May 7, 2024

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

2. **MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. **PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES’ BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

**Crystal Shahid**

**(Business Community)**

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

*(Mayor’s Appointment)*

*This is a four-year term. Board meets monthly.*



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

- A. **COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:** Ms. Jensen Melton was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2026
- B. **COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:** Mr. Richard Mahone was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2028
- C. **COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:** Mr. James Houston, Jr. was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2028
- D. **KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:** Ms. Kara Brakefield was nominated to succeed Ms. Tracy Walton-King. *(Councilor Tucker's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2027
- E. **KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:** Ms. Skyler Dexter was nominated to fill the vacant SD-29 seat. *(Councilor Tucker's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2026

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

A. **YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

District 2 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District 5 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District 4 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District 8 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

A. **COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:**

**Timothy Crabb**

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

**Richard Leary**  
*Cols. Hurricane Rep.*  
*Does not desire reappointment*  
Term Expires: June 30, 2024

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

**Janet Bussey**  
*Not Eligible to succeed*  
Term Expires: June 30, 2024

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

**Bruce Samuels**  
*Not Eligible to succeed*  
Term Expired: June 30, 2022

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

*These are two-year terms. Board meets quarterly.*

**Women: 1**  
**Senatorial District 15: 5**  
**Senatorial District 29: 2**

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**File Attachments for Item:**

1. Approval of minutes for the May 28, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

**COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

Council Chambers  
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 3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

May 28, 2024  
 5:30 PM  
 Regular Meeting

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**MAYOR'S AGENDA**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen (*Councilor District 1 Seat – Vacant*) and Councilors Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 5:33 p.m.), R. Walker Garrett (via teleconference), 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.

**The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:** (1) Board of Tax Assessors Presentation; (2) Upcoming HARP Presentation; (3) Building Permitting and Inspections Update Presentation

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) FY2025 Budget Session- Add/Delete List; (2) Renters' Bill of Rights Pamphlet

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Paul Thomas, Evangel Temple of Columbus, Georgia

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

**MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the May 14, 2024, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

**PROCLAMATION:**

2. **Proclamation:** Foster Care Awareness Month

**Receiving:** Shawna Love, Boyz 2 Men Development, Inc.

**Mayor Pro Tem R.** Gary Allen read the proclamation into the record proclaiming May 2024 as *Foster Care Awareness Month*, recognizing Boyz 2 Men Development, Inc. for their efforts in recruiting foster parents and providing foster care services to the community.

**CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION**

**Councilor Charmaine Crabb** stated she would ask that the members of Council vote on a replacement for Councilor Barnes' seat and submitted Byron Hickey as a nominee.

**Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen** spoke on the touching sentiments shared by the members of Council in remembrance of Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes at the April 23, 2024 Council Meeting. He stated he has spoken with many residents from various subdivisions in District 1 and he is confident in nominating Simi Barnes to finish out her late father’s term as the City Councilor for District 1.

After being called upon by Mayor Henderson, Councilor Crabb restated her motion to nominate Byron Hickey to fill the unexpired term of Councilor Barnes, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried by a six-to-three vote, with Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Garrett, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly and Huff voting in opposition. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced Councilor Garrett’s vote for Byron Hickey.)*

**BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE**

1. **ADD-DELETE LIST:** Chairperson Judy W. Thomas, Presiding Officer

**Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson** stated there is some unfinished business from the May 21, 2024 Budget Review Committee Meeting, where some items on the Add/Delete List did not receive six votes so those items would not amend the Mayor’s Recommended Budget. He then turned the meeting over to the Budget Review Committee Chairperson, Councilor Judy W. Thomas.

At the request of Budget Chair Thomas, **City Attorney Fay** referenced Columbus Charter Section 7-402(2) where it states Council may amend the proposed Operating Budget and Columbus Code Section 2-3(J) where it requires at least six votes on all matters for Council to take action. He also referenced a time in 2014 where Council reaffirmed the requirements set by the Charter and, at that time, Mayor Henderson served as Budget Chair and noted a change in the process for a simple majority for the Budget Review Committee changing to six required votes.

**Chairperson Judy W. Thomas** asked for a motion to reconsider the action taken at the May 21, 2024 Budget Review Committee Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to reconsider action taken on those items with less than six votes, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

**ADD/DELETE LIST (General Fund) Item #3** - (Non-Departmental) Add Setup Project to Implement Animal Care/Training Program for \$300,000 (0.45 General Fund Balance Days) Councilor Davis made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

**ADD/DELETE LIST (General Fund) Item #4** – (Muscogee County Prison) Add \$2,500 Base Pay Increase for MCP Sworn Officers for \$346,920 (0.52 General Fund Balance Days) Councilor Davis made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

**ADD/DELETE LIST (General Fund) Item #5** – (Sheriff) Add \$5,000 Base Pay Increase for Sheriff’s Department Sworn Officers for \$1,889,475 (2.85 General Fund Balance Days) Councilor Tucker made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

**ADD/DELETE LIST (General Fund) Item #6** – (Fire/EMS) Add \$2,500 Base Pay Increase for Fire/EMS Sworn Officers for \$1,235,902 (1.86 General Fund Balance Days) Councilor Tucker made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

**ADD/DELETE LIST (General Fund) Item #14** – (Clerk of Superior Court) Add 2 Senior Deputy Clerk G117 Positions for \$100,780 (0.15 General Fund Balance Days) Councilor Crabb made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

**ADD/DELETE LIST (General Fund) Item #15** – (Clerk of Superior Court) Add 5 Deputy Clerk II G115 Positions for \$235,490 (0.35 General Fund Balance Days) Councilor Crabb made a motion to add 3 Deputy Clerk II G115 Positions for \$141,294, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

**ADD/DELETE LIST (General Fund) Item #24** – (Sheriff) Add \$150,000 for Legal Fees (0.23 General Fund Balance Days) Councilor Davis made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

**ADD/DELETE LIST (General Fund) Item #26** – (City Manager) Delete Marketing Coordinator for \$66,988 (0.10 General Fund Balance Days) Councilor Crabb made a motion to delete the position, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried by a six-to-three vote, with Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Garrett, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly and Huff voting in opposition. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** explained the Director of Public Works had requested a full-time Marketing Coordinator for Animal Care & Control and the Director of Parks & Recreation made a request for someone to handle the marketing for all the recreational events. He stated instead of asking for a full-time position for each department, the request is for one full-time position under the City Manager’s Office to cover both departments.

**ADD/DELETE LIST (General Fund) Item #27** – (Public Works) Delete Communications Officer for \$44,782 (0.07 General Fund Balance Days) Councilor Crabb made a motion to delete the position, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried by a seven-to-two vote, with Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Garrett, Huff, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Begly voting in opposition. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

**ADD/DELETE LIST (General Fund) Item #28** – Delete Oxbow Creek Golf Subsidy \$100,000 (0.15 General Fund Balance Days) Councilor Davis made a motion to delete the subsidy, seconded by Councilor Tucker and failed with a five-to-four vote, with Councilors Crabb, Davis, Garrett, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly, Cogle and Huff voting in opposition. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

**ADD/DELETE LIST (General Fund) Item #29** – (Tax Assessors) Delete 2 Tax Appraisal Technicians for \$89,564 (0.13 General Fund Balance Days) Councilor Crabb made a motion to delete the positions, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried by a six-to-three vote, with Councilors Cogle,

Crabb, Davis, Garrett, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly and Huff voting in opposition. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

**ADD/DELETE LIST (General Fund) Item #30** – (Tax Commissioner) Delete Technical Support Analyst for \$64,810 (0.10 General Fund Balance Days) Councilor Davis made a motion to delete the position, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried by a six-to-three vote, with Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Garrett, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly and Huff voting in opposition. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

**ADD/DELETE LIST (General Fund) Item #31** – (Tax Commissioner) Delete Career Ladder Adjustments for Tax Clerks for \$6,125 (0.01 General Fund Balance Days) Councilor Davis made a motion to delete the adjustments, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried by a six-to-three vote, with Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Garrett, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly and Huff voting in opposition. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

**ADD/DELETE LIST (General Fund) Item #32** – (Tax Commissioner) Delete Reclass for Administrative Operations Manager for \$8,127 (0.01 General Fund Balance Days) Councilor Davis made a motion to delete the reclassification, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried by a six-to-three vote, with Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Garrett, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly and Huff voting in opposition. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

In response to a question from Councilor Huff, **Chairperson Judy W. Thomas** explained there were 8 positions in the Finance Department that were deleted from the Mayor's Recommended Budget. She explained this was done due to there being several vacant positions that have yet to be filled and last week Council was not in favor of adding additional positions until those are filled.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** explained the need of the Finance Department for the eight positions that were eliminated from the budget by Council. He explained the temporary positions that were approved to aid in addressing the issues in the Finance Department will expire at the end of Fiscal Year 2024.

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** further explained the temporary positions that were requested to become permanent in the budget. She also stated she has received several compliments on how smooth the licensing process has been lately, and she credited this to the additional positions in the Finance Department.

**ADD/DELETE LIST (General Fund) Item #21** – (Public Works) Add 1 Cruelty Investigator, 3 Animal Control Officers and all operational costs for Investigator for \$196,526 (0.30 General Fund Balance Days). Councilor Davis made a motion to add back to the FY2025 Budget 1 Cruelty Investigator, 3 Animal Control Officers and all operational costs for Investigator for \$196,526 (0.30 General Fund Balance Days), seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

# CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

## ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (24-025) - 2nd Reading-** 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. (Continued on 2nd Reading from 4-23-24.) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

2. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of the Columbus Code which provide for the foreclosure of liens on property for which funds are due and owing to the consolidated government; and for other purposes. (Councilor Begly) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Begly and resulted in an inconclusive five-to-four vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly, Garrett, Huff and Thomas voting in favor, and Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis and Tucker voting in opposition. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

3. **Ordinance (24-026) - 2nd Reading-** Adoption of an ordinance listing the roadways approved for use of speed detection devices (radar) on all GDOT Routes and non-GDOT Routes in Columbus-Muscogee County. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by eight members with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly, Cogle, Davis, Garrett, Huff, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor, and Councilor Crabb voting in opposition. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

## PUBLIC AGENDA

- 1. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: A decrease in Crime Prevention Grants.
- 2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: HB404 enforcement, renters’ rights.

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

### **1. Acquisition of Property for Fire/EMS Department Administration**

**Resolution (179-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a purchase and sales agreement for approximately 2.52 acres located at 1112 Veterans Parkway to house the Fire & EMS Department’s Administration upon completion of all due diligence and contingent upon removal of easements from



the parcel. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

**Fire & EMS Chief Sal Scarpa** approached the rostrum to express his appreciation for the opportunity for the Fire & EMS Department to acquire this property and the positive benefits for the organization.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** explained this property consists of 2.52 acres and 22,706 square feet available to consolidate the administration and training operations of the Fire & EMS Department in this one location. He went on to explain this property is large enough for the department to have a permanent classroom training facility and provide the option to relocate Fire Station No. 1 in the future if necessary.

**2. Uptown Tax Allocation District Fund Grant – Riverfront Place, LLC, Affiliate of WC Bradley Co. Real Estate, LLC**

**Resolution (180-24):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute and deliver an agreement with Riverfront Place, LLC, affiliate of W.C. Bradley Real Estate Co., LLC for the purposes of allocating Uptown District Tax Allocation District funds for the construction and financing of certain public infrastructure improvements to develop mixed use development called Riverfront Place at 1300 Front Avenue in an amount not to exceed fifty-two million dollars (\$52,000,000). Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

**3. Ignite Pro Hockey, L.L.C. Agreement**

**Resolution (181-24):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a five-year agreement between the Columbus Civic Center and Ignite Pro Hockey, L.L.C. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

**4. Marathon First Responder Grant**

**Resolution (182-24):** A resolution authorizing the application and acceptance if awarded a grant for fire and rescue equipment to support Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services operations at the Marathon Petroleum Facility and throughout the community in the amount of \$5,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Marathon Community Investment Programs with no matching funds required, the Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

**5. PURCHASES**

- A. General Contractor Services and Housing Inspection Services for the Community Redevelopment Department (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0012

**Resolution (183-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of annual contracts with Granville Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Supreme Service Company (Columbus, GA) and National Property Institute, LLC (Lithonia, GA) for general contractor services and with Granville Enterprises, LLC d/b/a

Supreme Service Company (Columbus, GA) and the W Real Estate and Investment Group (Atlanta, GA) for housing inspection services for single-family housing located throughout Columbus-Muscogee County. The Community Reinvestment Department will procure the services on an as-needed basis. As projects arise, the Community Reinvestment Department will obtain written quotes from the contractors. The City has been awarded \$3,000,000.00 to complete several projects within the scope of the contracts. Vendor engagement will occur until all funding has been exhausted. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

B. Contract Extension for Temporary Staffing for the Civic Center and Other City Departments (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 17-0021

**Resolution (184-23):** A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract for temporary staffing for the Civic Center and other City Departments with Global Personnel Services (Columbus, GA), and Labor Finders (Columbus, GA) for an additional four-month period. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

C. One (1) 2024 Silverado 2500HD 2WD Double Cab for Engineering Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (185-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2024 Silverado 2500HD 2WD Double Cab for the Engineering Department from Alan Jay Fleet Group (Sebring, FL) at a total price of \$68,000.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #091521-NAF. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

D. Two (2) Toro RM3100 Reel Mowers for Parks and Recreation – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (186-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) Toro RM3100 Reel Mowers for Parks and Recreation from Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation (Atlanta, GA) at a unit price of \$57,332.66 per unit and a total cost of \$114,645.32. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD-0000177-0014. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

E. One (1) 2023 Ford T350 LR Passenger Van XL for Parks and Recreation – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (187-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2023 Ford T350 LR Passenger Van XL from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$48,530.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD-ES40199373-009S. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

F. One (1) 2023 Ford T350 LR Passenger Van XL for Parks and Recreation – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (188-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2023 Ford T350 LR Passenger Van XL from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$55,035.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD-ES40199373-009S. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

G. E911 Dispatch Consoles for Police Department – HGACBUY Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (189-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of E911 Dispatch Consoles from Russ Bassett (Whittier, CA) in the total amount of \$505,680.25 (\$431,893.85 to replace consoles at E911 located in the Public Safety Building and \$73,786.40 to replace consoles at the backup center). The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via HGACBuy Contract #EC07-23. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

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

**Resolution (190-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of the First-In Alerting Smart Station System from Westnet, LLC (Hunting Beach, CA) in the amount of \$145,357.43. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #042021-WNT. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

I. One (1) 2024 Ford F-150 Police Pursuit Rated Pick-Up Truck for Muscogee County Prison – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (191-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2024 Ford F-150 Police Pursuit Rated Pick-Up Truck from Allan Vigil Ford (Morrow, GA) in the amount of \$51,945.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000183005. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

**INFORMATION ONLY: EXIGENT “OFF THE LOT” VEHICLE PURCHASES – RESOLUTION NO. 106-24**

**1. ONE (1) 2024 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN FOR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

On May 17, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Chevrolet Suburban for the Engineering Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Sons Chevrolet (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$75,413.00. The vehicle will be used by Survey Crews from the Engineering Department who survey City

property and right-of-ways. This is a replacement vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: Sewer (Stormwater) Fund – Engineering Department – Highways and Roads – Light Trucks; 0203-250-2200-STRM-7721.

## **2. ONE (1) 2024 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4DR 4x2 FOR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

On May 17, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Ford Explorer for the Engineering Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Rivertown Ford (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$40,000. The vehicle will be used by the Engineering Department's Traffic Operations Supervisor to visit work sites for signal/sign shop. This is a replacement vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: General Fund – Engineering Department – Traffic Engineering – Light Trucks; 0101-250-2100-TRAF-7722.

## **6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. School Zone Camera Update (Public and Private Schools) - Greg Countryman, Sheriff, Sheriff's Department and Clyde Dent, Deputy Chief Bureau of Patrol Services, Columbus Police Department

**Muscogee County Sheriff Greg Countryman** approached the rostrum to introduce the presentation on the School Zone Camera System. He started by reminding that currently the system is in place for St. Luke and Brookstone, and they are speaking with three other private schools about getting involved.

**Deputy Chief Clyde Dent, Columbus Police Department,** came forward to provide a presentation on the Columbus Electronic School Zone Safety Program. During the presentation, he provided the history and process of the program, and explained the plan to implement the system in other school zones before the next school year.

- B. Tax Assessors Update - Suzanne Widenhouse, Chief Appraiser, Muscogee Board of Assessors

**Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Tax Assessors Office. She stated property tax notices were sent out to owners on May 21, 2024, and the appeal process will end on July 5, 2024. She explained there were no major Fair Market Value adjustments made to Residential and Commercial real estate, with an increase to the digest around 2.4%.

- C. Home Accessibility Rehabilitation Program (HARP) Update - Robert Scott, Director, Community Reinvestment

**Community Reinvestment Director Robert Scott** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program (HARP). He explained the program funding scope is to address issues and repairs to roofs, critical systems, doors/windows, electrical, plumbing, and to make improvements for ADA accessibility.

D. Inspections and Code Update - Permit Fee Change - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code

**Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the permit fee change necessary to comply with State Law. He explained Georgia HB 461 was signed into law by the Governor on May 6, 2024, with an effective date of July 1, 2024. He stated State Law prohibits local governments from using building permitting and inspections as a revenue generating source, requiring total revenue generated to equal expenses incurred. He then provided information on the proposed permit fee structure going forward.

**BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** May 28, 2024

**May 29, 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:**

**CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA**

**ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

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

Airport Commission, April 24, 2024

Board of Health, April 24, 2024

Board of Tax Assessors, # 15-24, and # 16-24

Board of Water Commissioners, May 13, 2024

Convention & Visitors, Board of Commissioners, March 20, and April 17, 2024

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

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

2. **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. **PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

A nominee for the seat of Crystal Shahid (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, as a Business Community Representative on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

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

A. **BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:** Ms. Jennifer Melvin was nominated to serve another term of office in the *Former Foster Parent* seat. (*Councilor Tucker's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2029. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

B. **COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:** Mr. Donald W. Hoffman was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2026. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

C. **REGION 6 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:** Ms. Marianne Young was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

D. **REGION 6 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:** Mr. Christopher Smith was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

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

A. **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Saundra Ellison (*Seat Declared Vacant*) for a term that expired on March 27, 2024, as the District 3 Representative on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Council District 3- Huff*). Councilor Huff nominated Tracy Walton-King to fill the vacant seat of Saundra Ellison. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

**B. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 2 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 2- Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 3 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 3- Huff*). Councilor Huff nominated Kyana Ramos to serve as the District 3 Representative. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 4 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 4- Tucker*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 5 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 5- Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 9 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 9- Thomas*). Councilor Thomas nominated Amy Recinos-Agular to serve as the District 9 Representative. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

**5. COUNCIL’S CONFIRMATION – RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ORGANIZATIONS / AGENCY OR BOARDS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS 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 expiring on January 31, 2024, as the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Board Representative on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council’s Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis stated in accordance with Ordinance 24-012, this seat is slated for a member serving on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board, and the Chairperson is recommending Arreasha Z Lawrence to fill the seat of Reverend Curtis West. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

**6. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT- VOTE TABULATION:**

**A. COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for the seat of Richard Wright (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Golf Course Authority (*Council’s Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis stated Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Karen Stewart and Councilor Crabb nominated Stephanie Leohr for the seat of Richard Wright. A vote tabulation was held with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly and Garrett voting for Karen Stewart. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced Councilor Garrett’s vote for Karen Stewart.*); and Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Huff, Thomas and Tucker voting for Stephanie Leohr. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation of Stephanie Leohr, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine

members present. (Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)

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

**A. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Jensen Melton (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Jensen Melton to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Timothy Crabb (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Richard Leary (*Eligible to succeed- Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, as the Columbus Hurricanes Representative on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Janet Bussey (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

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

**B. COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for the seat of Richard Mahone (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Golf Course Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Richard Mahone to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of James Houston, Jr. (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Golf Course Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated James Houston, Jr. to serve another term.

**C. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for the seat of Betty Tatum (*Resigned*) for a term expiring on November 14, 2025, on the Hospital Authority of Columbus (*Council's Nomination*). Clerk of Council Davis explained the Council three nominees to the Hospital Authority for each seat and the Hospital Authority selects the successor for Council's confirmation. Councilor Crabb made a motion to submit Mike Mayhew, Bob Jones and Tracy Sayers as nominees for selection, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote. (Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)



**D. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of David Houser (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring June 30, 2024, as a representative of Senatorial District 15 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Pamela Green Thomas (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring June 30, 2024, as an At-Large Member on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Tracy Walton-King (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring June 30, 2024, as an At-Large Member on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). Councilor Tucker nominated Kara Brakefield to succeed Tracy Walton-King.

A nominee for the seat of Eddie Florence (*Resigned*) for a term expiring June 30, 2026, as a representative of Senatorial District 15 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee to fill a vacant seat with a term expiring on June 30, 2026, as a representative of Senatorial District 29 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). Councilor Tucker nominated Skyler Dexter to fill the vacant seat of a representative of Senatorial District 29.

**PUBLIC AGENDA (continued) – Additional 3 minutes:**

- 1. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: A decrease in Crime Prevention Grants.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of acquisition and disposal of real estate as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with the time being 8:28 p.m. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of acquisition and disposal of real estate; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Tucker to adjourn the May 28, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with the time being 8:50 p.m. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

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

**File Attachments for Item:**

**1. 2nd Reading-** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of the Columbus Code which provide for the foreclosure of liens on property for which funds are due and owing to the consolidated government; and for other purposes. (continued on 2nd Reading due to inconclusive vote)(Councilor Begly)

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of the Columbus Code which provide for the foreclosure of liens on property for which funds are due and owing to the consolidated government; and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1.

Section 8-85 of the Columbus Code is here by amended by striking the current code section in its entirety and adopting a new Columbus Code Section 8-85 to read as follows:

**“Sec. 8-85. Demolition costs to become lien against property.**

The amount of the cost of boarding up, demolition or removal of a building and cleaning the lot as approved by City Council shall be a lien against the real property upon which the building or structure is or was situated. Said lien shall be placed upon a special lien book designated "Demolition Lien Book," which shall be maintained by the clerk of superior court of Muscogee County. The director of finance of Columbus, Georgia, shall enforce the collection of any amount due on such lien in the following manner:

- (1) The owner or parties in interest shall pay the full amount due on such lien to the director of finance of Columbus, Georgia within 30 days of perfection of such lien, and if such lien is not paid in full within 30 days of the perfection of such lien, the owner or parties in interest shall pay 25 percent of the total lien amount plus seven percent interest within 60 days of the perfection of such lien to the Director of Finance of Columbus, Georgia, with the remaining balance due on such lien to be paid in three equal annual installments with interest at the rate of seven percent per annum, each of which shall become due and payable on the anniversary date of the initial payment made as hereinabove prescribed;
- (2) Should the property upon which such lien is perfected be sold, transferred or conveyed by the owner and/or parties in interest at any time, then the entire balance due on such lien shall be due and payable to the director of finance of Columbus, Georgia; and,
- (3) Should any amount due remain unpaid within 30 days after the due date for the first or any subsequent annual installment prescribed in subsection (1) above, then the finance director of the consolidated government shall issue a writ of execution against the real property upon which the building or structure is or was situated, and upon the owner thereof, whereupon such real property shall be levied on as governed by general law. The finance director may transmit notice of the execution to the Tax Commissioner with the request that the property be sold at tax sale pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 41-2-90(b)(2)
- (4) The city manager is authorized to waive such liens, or any portion thereof, for property identified to be transferred to the Land Bank Authority, pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 48, Chapter 4, for the sole purpose of disposing of the property to an organization contemplated under O.C.G.A. § 48-4-64. Prior to the transfer to the Land Bank Authority, the city's real estate office shall actively market the property for sale for a minimum of 12 months from the date of waiver of the lien. The city manager is also authorized to waive such liens, or any portion thereof, for property in the ownership of an organization contemplated under O.C.G.A. § 48-4-64.

- (5) In addition to the authority granted in subsection (4), the city manager is authorized to waive any demolition lien, or any portion thereof, when the demolition lien does not exceed \$25,000.00. If the demolition lien exceeds \$25,000.00, any waiver of such lien, or any portion thereof, must be approved by resolution of the Columbus Council.”

## SECTION 2.

Section 8-86 of the Columbus Code is here by amended by striking the current code section in its entirety and adopting a new Columbus Code Section 8-85 to read as follows:

### **“Sec. 8-86. Service of complaints, notices, orders.**

Complaints, notices or orders issued pursuant to this division shall be served either personally or by registered or certified mail. If the whereabouts of any person who is an owner and/or party in interest is unknown and the whereabouts can not be ascertained by the building official exercising reasonable diligence, and the building official shall make an affidavit to that effect, then the serving of the complaint and notice or order upon such party may be made by publishing the same once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in Columbus, Georgia. A copy of such notice served by publication shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises effected by the notice. Additional forms of service determined to be effective may also be used at the discretion of the building official.”

## SECTION 3.

Section 13-115 of the Columbus Code is here by amended by striking the current code section in its entirety and adopting a new Columbus Code Section 13-115 to read as follows:

### **“Sec. 13-115. - Same—Notice to property occupants and owners; assessment of costs; execution and sale.**

Where the owner or occupant of land violates the provisions hereof relating to removal of weeds and the owner or occupant, and such owner or occupant or his agent or representative cannot be served with notice or summons so as to subject him to punishment by the recorder, the director of inspections and code enforcement or one of his assistants shall notify such owner by certified mail, directing the weeds or grass on his lot be cut and removed, so as to comply with [Section 13-113](#) of this Code. The certified mail notice shall allow ten days from the date of receipt or a second attempt to deliver such notice to correct the violation. After this notice and during a period of 36 months, no further written notice or warning period shall be required. If the owner fails to comply with the provisions herein, the director of inspections and code enforcement shall have the weeds and grass cut and removed, assessing a fee plus a service charge (as recommended annually by the directors of public works and finance and approved by the city manager) for the work and charging the amount to the owner, and such amount shall constitute a lien against the lot, as of the date of such work, and if such amount be not paid within 30 days after the doing of the work, the finance director of the consolidated government shall issue execution against the particular real estate for which the service was rendered, and

against the owner thereof, whereupon such real estate shall be levied on, advertised and sold under such execution as governed by general law. The finance director may transmit notice of the execution to the Tax Commissioner with the request that the property be sold at tax sale pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 41-2-90(b)(2).”

#### SECTION 4.

Section 13-115 of the Columbus Code is here by amended by striking the current code section in its entirety and adopting a new Columbus Code Section 13-115 to read as follows:

**“Sec. 13-117. Complaint, hearing, order to abate.**

- (a) Any person complaining of any nuisance shall complain to the recorder in writing, setting forth particularly the location and nature of the same, and how he may be affected thereby, whereupon it shall be the duty of the recorder to cause the parties creating or permitting such nuisance to be summoned to appear before the recorder's court as in other cases. After hearing the testimony in the case, the recorder may, in his discretion, order the party creating or permitting such nuisance to abate the nuisance in such manner and within such time as the recorder may prescribe.
- (b) When a nuisance as defined in article III of this chapter cannot be abated in a timely manner by other means, enforcement officials shall complain to the recorder in writing setting forth particularly the location and nature of the same, how it creates an unsafe condition, a public health hazard or a general nuisance to the persons residing in the vicinity, and detailing the actions taken that have failed to abate the nuisance. After hearing the testimony in the case, the recorder may, in his or her discretion, order the nuisance to be abated by the appropriate officials. The director of inspections and code enforcement shall have the nuisance abated, assessing a fee plus a service charge (as recommended annually by the directors of public works and finance and approved by the city manager) for the work and charging the amount to the owner or occupant of the property, and such amount shall constitute a lien against the real estate for which the service was rendered, and against the owner thereof, as of the date of such work, and if such amount is not paid within 30 days after the completion of the work, the finance director of the consolidated government shall issue execution against the particular real estate for which the service was rendered, and against the owner thereof, whereupon such real estate shall be levied on, advertised and sold under such execution as governed by general law, The finance director may transmit notice of the execution to the Tax Commissioner with the request that the property be sold at tax sale pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 41-2-90(b)(2).”

#### SECTION 5.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 13th day of February 2024; continued on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading February 27, 2024 and May 14<sup>th</sup> 2024, introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

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~~as in cases of levy and sale under executions for street improvement assessments due the city, with same procedure, including defendant's right to defense by affidavit of illegality and the right of the consolidated government to purchase at the sale.~~

**Sec. 13-117. Complaint, hearing, order to abate.**

- (a) Any person complaining of any nuisance shall complain to the recorder in writing, setting forth particularly the location and nature of the same, and how he may be affected thereby, whereupon it shall be the duty of the recorder to cause the parties creating or permitting such nuisance to be summoned to appear before the recorder's court as in other cases. After hearing the testimony in the case, the recorder may, in his discretion, order the party creating or permitting such nuisance to abate the nuisance in such manner and within such time as the recorder may prescribe.
- (b) When a nuisance as defined in article III of this chapter cannot be abated in a timely manner by other means, enforcement officials shall complain to the recorder in writing setting forth particularly the location and nature of the same, how it creates an unsafe condition, a public health hazard or a general nuisance to the persons residing in the vicinity, and detailing the actions taken that have failed to abate the nuisance. After hearing the testimony in the case, the recorder may, in his or her discretion, order the nuisance to be abated by the appropriate officials. The director of inspections and code enforcement shall have the nuisance abated, assessing a fee plus a service charge (as recommended annually by the directors of public works and finance and approved by the city



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manager) for the work and charging the amount to the owner or occupant of the property, and such amount shall constitute a lien against the real estate for which the service was rendered, and against the owner thereof, as of the date of such work, and if such amount is not paid within 30 days after the completion of the work, the finance director of the consolidated government shall issue execution against the particular real estate for which the service was rendered, and against the owner thereof, whereupon such real estate shall be levied on, advertised and sold under such execution, execution as governed by general law. The finance director may transmit notice of the execution to the Tax Commissioner with the request that the property be sold at tax sale pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 41-2-90(b)(2)

~~as in cases of levy and sale under executions for street improvement assessments due the city, with same procedure, including defendant's right to defense by affidavit of illegality and the right of the consolidated government to purchase at the sale.~~

**File Attachments for Item:**

**2. 1st Reading and Public Hearing-** An ordinance adopting an operating and capital improvement budget for the Fiscal Year 2025 beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

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

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, FOR CERTAIN FUNDS OF THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AND APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNTS SHOWN IN EACH BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

**SECTION 1.**

The annual Operating and Capital Improvement Budget for FY25 proposed in the total amount of \$366,319,162 is approved and adopted in accordance with the Columbus Charter, Section 7-402 and outlined in Sections 2 through 15 of this ordinance.

**SECTION 2.**

The General Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$202,849,985 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for general fund purposes.

**SECTION 3.**

The Local Option Sales Tax Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$47,300,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia for public safety and infrastructure purposes.

**SECTION 4.**

The Stormwater (Sewer) Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$6,602,311 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for stormwater fund services.

**SECTION 5.**

The Paving Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$18,415,329 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for street and roadway improvement purposes.

**SECTION 6.**

The Community Care Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$11,957,488 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for the annual appropriation to be disbursed to various providers for indigent and inmate medical care.

## SECTION 7.

The Integrated Waste Management Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$15,307,047 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide solid waste management services.

## SECTION 8.

The Emergency Telephone Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$4,714,478 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide for the operation of the E911 Center.

## SECTION 9.

The Civic Center Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$6,412,136 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide for the operation of the Civic Center.

## SECTION 10.

The Debt Service Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$16,154,724 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for Debt Service purposes.

## SECTION 11.

The Transportation Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$25,297,579 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for the provision of public transportation.

## SECTION 12.

The Bull Creek Budget proposed in the amount of \$2,207,179 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide for the operation of Bull Creek Golf Course.

## SECTION 13.

The Oxbow Creek Budget proposed in the amount of \$654,842 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide for the operation of Oxbow Creek Golf Course.

## SECTION 14.

The Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center Budget proposed in the amount of \$4,065,743 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for the operation of the Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center.

#### SECTION 15.

The Economic Development Authority Budget proposed in the amount of \$4,380,321 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for the provision of Economic Development activities.

#### SECTION 16.

The Health and Life Insurance Budget proposed in the amount of \$25,347,660 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide for the administration of health and life insurance.

#### SECTION 17.

The Risk Management Budget proposed in the amount of \$7,204,360 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide for the operation of risk management activities.

#### SECTION 18.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), formerly the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), Budget proposed in the amount of \$3,143,712 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide for the administration of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) activities.

#### SECTION 19.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget proposed in the amount of \$1,666,654 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide for the administration of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities.

#### SECTION 20.

Within the overall budget limitations, authority is hereby delegated to the City Manager, or the Finance Director when acting on the authority delegated by the City Manager, to effect such transfers of appropriation within a department and revenue anticipation within a fund as may be deemed necessary to the effective performance and delivery of services approved herein. Under no circumstances, however, may the total budget of any department or fund, except WIOA and CDBG, contained in this Ordinance be increased or decreased without Council approval. Authority is extended to the City Manager, or the Finance Director on the authority

delegated by the City Manager, to conduct any carryovers necessary for the continued operation of WIO CDBG.

SECTION 21.

The Cost Allocation Plan for FY25, which has been filed with the Clerk of Council, is hereby approved for use during the 2025 fiscal year in a total amount of \$3,399,768.

<b>Fund Being Charged</b>	<b>FY25 Charges</b>
LOST Fund (Public Safety)	\$471,730
LOST Fund (Infrastructure)	12,734
Stormwater (Sewer) Fund	260,088
Paving Fund	813,072
Integrated Waste Management	913,635
Emergency Telephone	156,587
Civic Center Fund	206,448
WIOA Fund	117,536
Transportation Fund	278,325
Trade Center Fund	117,783
Bull Creek Golf Course	37,468
Oxbow Creek Golf Course	14,362
<b>Total Charges</b>	<b>\$3,399,768</b>

SECTION 22.

The City Manager or the Finance Director on the authority delegated by the City Manager is authorized to make adjustments of cost allocation charges as may be deemed appropriate.

SECTION 23.

The period of emergency or war continued in Resolution No. 392-03 is hereby extended from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

SECTION 24.

The following position changes are hereby adopted as part of the FY25 Budget and are as follows:

## NEW/RESTORED POSITIONS:

General Fund – Information Technology	(1) Field Technician
General Fund – Information Technology	(1) Junior Network Engineer (G124) (effective January 1, 2025)
General Fund – Information Technology	(1) Application Developer (G124) (effective January 1, 2025)
General Fund – Information Technology	(1) GIS Coordinator (G126) (effective January 1, 2025)
General Fund – Information Technology	(1) Radio System Supervisor G122
General Fund – Human Resources	(1) Human Resources Research Specialist (G122)
General Fund – Human Resources	(1) Training Coordinator (G118)
General Fund – Public Works	(3) Animal Control Officer (G116)
General Fund – Public Works	(1) Cruelty Investigator (G117)
General Fund – Public Works	(1) Maintenance Worker I – Animal Control (G114)
General Fund – Public Works	(1) Veterinarian (G130) Salary of \$125,000
General Fund – Public Works	(1) Maintenance Worker I – Cemeteries (G114)
General Fund – Public Works	(2) Plumber I (G119)
General Fund – Public Works	(2) HVAC Technician I (G119)
General Fund – Public Works	(3) Fleet Maintenance Technician II (G118)
General Fund – Public Works	(2) Electrician I (G119)
General Fund – Public Works	(1) Carpenter I (G119)
General Fund – Parks & Recreation	(4) Park Maintenance Worker I (G114)
General Fund – Parks & Recreation	(2) Recreation Program Specialist (G117)
General Fund – Parks & Recreation	(2) Athletic Program Specialist (G117)
General Fund – Parks & Recreation	(1) Marina Technician (G111)
General Fund – Parks & Recreation	(2) Park Maintenance Worker I (G114)

General Fund – Police	(1) Mental Health Co-Responder (G124)
General Fund – Police	(1) Firearms Examiner (G127)
General Fund – Police	(1) Crime Scene Investigator (G119)
General Fund – Fire/EMS	(21) Firefighter/EMT (F1)
General Fund – MCP	(1) Sergeant (C4)
General Fund – MCP	(1) Lieutenant (C5)
General Fund – MCP	(1) Captain (C6)
General Fund – MCP	(1) Accounting Technician (G115)
General Fund – Homeland Security	(1) Emergency Management Specialist (G118)
General Fund – Municipal Court Judge	(1) Deputy Clerk II (G115)
General Fund – Municipal Court Judge	(1) Support Clerk – Municipal Court (G111)
General Fund – District Attorney	(1) Legal Administrative Clerk (G115)
General Fund – District Attorney	(1) Victim Advocate (G117)
General Fund – Clerk of Superior Court	(2) Senior Deputy Clerk (G117)
General Fund – Clerk of Superior Court	(3) Deputy Clerk II (G115)
General Fund – Sheriff	(1) Major (PS7)
General Fund – Coroner	(1) Forensic Transport Driver (G116)
OLOST Fund – Juvenile Court	(1) Deputy Clerk II (G115)
OLOST Fund – Municipal Court Clerk	(2) Deputy Clerk II (G115)
Integrated Waste Fund – Parks & Recreation	(2) Motor Equipment Operator III (G121)
E-911 Fund – Police	(1) E-911 Director (G130)
HOME Fund – Community Reinvestment	(1) Administrative Coordinator (G118)
Transportation Fund – METRA	(4) Bus Operator (No CDL) (G116)
Transportation Fund – METRA	(1) Transit Supervisor (G123)



RECLASSIFIED POSITIONS:

General Fund – Mayor	(3) Forensic Auditor (G126-1) to (3) Forensic Auditor (G126-7)
General Fund – City Manager	(1) PT Support Clerk – Mail Room (G111) to (1) FT Support Clerk – Mail Room (G111)
General Fund – City Manager	(1) Print Shop Technician (G115) to (1) Administrative Assistant – Communications (G115) (Title Change Only)
General Fund – City Manager	(1) CSC Technician I G113 to (1) Senior CSC Administrative Technician G115
General Fund – City Manager	(1) CSC Technician I (G113) to (1) Senior CSC Technician Trainer (G115)
General Fund – City Manager	(3) CSC Technician I (G113) to (3) CSC Technician II (G114)
General Fund – Information Technology	(1) PT Administrative Assistant (G115) to (1) FT Administrative Assistant (G115)
General Fund – Human Resources	(1) Training and Development Coordinator (G123) to (1) Training and Development Manager (G124)
General Fund – Inspections & Codes	(1) Building Inspector II (G121) to (1) Senior Building Inspector (G122)
General Fund – Inspections & Codes	(1) Chief Inspector (G127) to (1) Chief Inspector (G128)
General Fund – Inspections & Codes	(1) Code Enforcement Manager I (G126) to (1) Code Enforcement Manager II (G127)
General Fund – Public Works	(1) Facilities Maintenance Supervisor (G122) to (1) Finance Manager (G122) (Title Change Only)
General Fund – Tax Assessor	(2) Appraisal Technician (G113) to (2) Appraisal Technician (G115)
General Fund – Tax Assessor	(2) Senior Appraisal Technician (G114) to (2) Senior Appraisal Technician (G116)

General Fund – Elections	(1) Elections Operations Manager (G122-2) to (1) Elections Operations Manager (G122-21)
General Fund – Elections	(1) Election Technician I (G117-13) to (1) Election Technician II (G117-26)
General Fund – Elections	(1) Election Technician I (G115-4) to (1) Election Technician I (G115-20)
General Fund – Fire/EMS	(1) Payroll Technician – Fire (G115) to (1) Community Risk Reduction Educator (G117)
General Fund – Superior Court Clerk	(4) Deputy Clerk I (G113) to (4) Deputy Clerk II (G115)
General Fund – Municipal Court Clerk	(1) Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk (G122-4) to (1) Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk (G122-9)
General Fund – Municipal Court Clerk	(1) Senior Deputy Clerk (G117-4) to (1) Senior Deputy Clerk (G117-7)
General Fund – Municipal Court Clerk	(1) Deputy Clerk II (G115-4) to (1) Deputy Clerk II (G115-7)
General Fund – Municipal Court Clerk	(1) Deputy Clerk II (G115-1) to (1) Deputy Clerk II (G115-4)
General Fund – Probate Court	(1) Senior Deputy Clerk (G117) to (1) Law Clerk/Fiduciary Compliance Officer (G123-21)
General Fund – Sheriff	(1) Administrative Coordinator (G117-13) to (1) Executive Assistant (G124-15)
General Fund – Sheriff	(1) Deputy Sheriff (PS1) to (1) Sheriff Captain (PS6)
General Fund – Sheriff	(8) Deputy Sheriff (PS1) to (8) Correctional Officer (C1)
General Fund – Sheriff	(24) Correctional Officer (C1) to (24) Senior Correctional Officer (C2)
General Fund – Recorder’s Court	(1) Chief Clerk – Recorder’s Court (G126-14) to (1) Chief Clerk – Recorder’s Court (G126-21)

Paving Fund – Public Works

(1) Urban Forestry & Beautification Supervisor (G124) to (1) Public Works Crew Supervisor (G124) (Title Change Only)

Multi-Govt Fund – Transportation Planning

(1) ROW Coordinator (G124) to (1) Transportation Planner (G121)

DELETED POSITIONS:

General Fund – Elections

(1) Election Technician I (G115)

General Fund – Sheriff

(3) Deputy Sheriff (PS1)

TRANSFERS:

To: General Fund – Fire/EMS (Transfer Addition)

(1) EMS Billing Program Coordinator (G120)

From: General Fund – Finance (Transfer Deletion)

(1) Collections Supervisor (G120)

SECTION 25.

The Columbus Consolidated Government Pay Plan for Salary and Wages is hereby adopted as part of the FY25 Budget and is incorporated herein by Attachment A. Effective July 1, 2024, a two (2) step (which is equivalent to 2%) Cost of Living Adjustment for all classified full-time positions is hereby adopted. Effective July 1, 2024, retirees will receive a 1% Cost of Living Adjustment.

Effective July 1, 2024, the annual base salary for one of the Part Time Juvenile Court Judges of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit will be set as part of the FY25 Budget as follows:

Judge Andrew Dodgen (4 workdays per week) \$104,000

Effective July 1, 2024, the annual base salary for the Chief Recorder’s Court Judge and Recorder’s Court Pro-Tem Judges will be set as part of the FY25 Budget as follows:

Chief Recorder’s Court Judge - \$130,000

Recorder’s Court Pro-Tem Judge - \$120,000

Effective July 1, 2024, the annual supplement provided to the Judicial Assistants of the Superior Court Judges of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit is hereby increased from \$10,000 to \$11,000 to be distributed in equal payments over 12 monthly pay periods.

Effective July 1, 2024, the salary for the Fire/EMS Chief shall be increased to \$170,980.68 to include existing education and OLOST supplements to be distributed in equal payments over 26 bi-weekly pay periods.

Effective July 1, 2024, the annual supplement for the Board of Tax Assessors shall be increased \$6,300 to be distributed in 12 equal monthly payments.

SECTION 26.

Other 2009 Local Option Sales Tax Pay Supplement of \$3,121 for all sworn personnel in all Public Safety departments, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and METRA departments effective July 1, 2009, distributed in equal payments over 26 bi-weekly pay periods, will remain in effect for FY2025. This supplement excludes elected officials.

SECTION 27.

The Columbus Police Department’s Additional Other Local Option Sales Tax Supplement adopted by Columbus Ordinance 21-032 shall be continued for FY2025 for the Columbus Police Department. All sworn personnel within the Police Department will receive an additional \$2,000 annual Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund pay supplement distributed in equal payments over 26 bi-weekly pay periods.

SECTION 28.

Twenty-Four (24) Police Officer positions shall remain unfunded, until expressly approved by Council, in order to fund the implementation and continued costs associated with public safety pay adjustments and longevity increases prior to the adoption of Pay Plan Ordinance No. 22-045 which was subsequently amended by Ordinance No. 23-001.

Twenty-Eight (28) Police Officer positions shall remain unfunded, until expressly approved by Council, in order to fund the implementation and continued costs associated with public safety pay plan “above and beyond” pay adjustments and longevity increases post adoption of Pay Plan Ordinance No. 22-045 which was subsequently amended by Ordinance No. 23-001.

Eight (8) Deputy Sheriff positions shall remain unfunded, until expressly approved by Council, in order to fund the implementation and continued costs associated with public safety pay plan “above and beyond” pay adjustments and longevity increases post adoption of Pay Plan Ordinance No. 22-045 which was subsequently amended by Ordinance No. 23-001.

SECTION 29.

Section 25 of Ordinance No. 19-027 provided a 2.5% pay increase to 54 Sheriff Office positions which included 34 Sergeants, 4 Captains, and 16 Lieutenants. Two (2) Correctional Officer positions shall remain unfunded, until expressly approved by Council, in order to fund the continued cost of the increased pay adjustments for the aforementioned positions.

SECTION 30.

The Pay Plan adopted by Columbus Ordinance No. 06-40 first amended by Ordinance No. 06-87 then subsequently amended by Ordinance No. 07-21, Ordinance No. 07-30, and Ordinance No. 17-24 defined a paramedic certification pay supplement for EMS-Lieutenant, Firefighter-Medic, and Paramedic classifications while assigned and actively working as providers of emergency medical services, as verified by the Chief of the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services. Said annual supplement of \$6,000 shall be continued in FY2025 for all authorized personnel.

## SECTION 31.

Columbus Ordinance No. 17-24, Section 25 authorized the Fire and EMS Department to reclassify and restrict Thirty-Six (36) Fire Medic (PS14) positions to Fire Medic (PS15) positions. Notwithstanding Section 25 of Ordinance No. 17-24, the authorization contained in Ordinance No. 19-044 thereby amended Ordinance No. 17-24 by removing the restriction of 36 positions and provided for the Fire and EMS Department to administratively restrict the number of Fire Medic (PS15) positions to 50. Said administrative reclassifications shall be continued in FY2025 for all authorized personnel.

## SECTION 32.

The Fire/EMS Department's Specialty Certification Pay Plan adopted by Columbus Ordinance No. 21-032 shall be continued in FY2025 for the Fire/EMS Department.

## SECTION 33.

Columbus Ordinance No 24-008 authorized a \$5,000.00 pay adjustment for existing full-time Sworn Officers and Emergency 911 Technicians in the Columbus Police Department. Sworn Officers hired in the Columbus Police Department before and/or after said effective date in Ordinance 24-008 are not eligible for the \$5,000.00 pay adjustment until obtaining 24 months of employment and at the conclusion of any sign-on bonus payouts. Emergency 911 Technicians hired after said effective date in Ordinance 24-008 will be placed on the General Government pay scale in a grade and step that most closely coincides with the expected pay adjustment not to exceed \$5,000.00 above the minimum starting salary. Forty-Four (44) Police Officer positions shall remain unfunded, until expressly approved by Council, in order to fund the implementation and continued costs associated with the \$5,000.00 pay adjustments for the full-time Sworn Officers and Emergency 911 Technicians employed in the Columbus Police Department. Said pay adjustments as referenced above shall be continued in FY2025 for all authorized personnel.

## SECTION 34.

Beginning with the onset of the first complete FLSA pay cycle after July 1, 2024, a \$5,000.00 pay adjustment for existing full-time Sworn Officers in the Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized. Public Safety Officers hired in the Sheriff's Office before and/or after the first cycle effective date are not eligible for the \$5,000.00 pay adjustment until obtaining 24 months of employment and at the conclusion of any sign-on bonus payouts.

## SECTION 35.

Beginning with the onset of the first complete FLSA pay cycle after July 1, 2024, a \$2,500.00 pay adjustment for existing full-time Sworn Officers in the Fire/EMS Department is hereby authorized. Public Safety Officers hired in the Fire/EMS Department before and/or after the first cycle effective date are not eligible for the \$2,500.00 pay adjustment until obtaining 24 months of employment and at the conclusion of any sign-on bonus payouts.

## SECTION 36.

Beginning with the onset of the first complete FLSA pay cycle after July 1, 2024, a \$2,500.00 pay adjustment for existing full-time Sworn Officers at the Muscogee County Prison is hereby authorized. Public Safety Officers hired at the Muscogee County Prison before and/or after the first cycle effective date are not

eligible for the \$2,500.00 pay adjustment until obtaining 24 months of employment and at the conclusion of any sign-on bonus payouts.

SECTION 37.

All positions that are un-funded as of or before FY2020 are hereby deleted as part of the FY2025 budget. All positions that remain un-funded for five (5) consecutive fiscal years will be deleted after the fifth year unless a funding source is expressly identified. Effective July 1, 2024, the following un-funded position(s) will be removed as authorized positions from the following departments/offices:

Fund	Position Title	Position Number
GENERAL FUND Parks & Recreation	(1) Gatekeeper - PT	POS# 27021000405

SECTION 38.

**Health Plan Premiums – Effective January 1, 2025**

Silver Plan (Active Employees)	2025 Bi-Weekly Wellness	2025 Bi-Weekly Non-Wellness	Gold Plan (Active Employees)	2025 Bi-Weekly Wellness	2025 Bi-Weekly Non-Wellness
Single	\$73.03	\$89.40	Single	\$104.65	\$128.11
Employee + Spouse	\$137.29	\$168.07	Employee + Spouse	\$196.74	\$240.84
Employee + Child(ren)	\$127.82	\$156.46	Employee + Child(ren)	\$183.16	\$224.20
Family	\$202.31	\$247.66	Family	\$289.90	\$354.86

Silver Plan (Pre-65 Retirees)	2025 Monthly Cost Wellness	Gold Plan (Pre-65 Retirees)	2025 Monthly Cost Wellness
Single	\$263.72	Single	\$332.23
Retiree + Spouse	\$872.11	Retiree + Spouse	\$1,019.66
Retiree + Child(ren)	\$782.43	Retiree + Child(ren)	\$918.30
Family	\$1,487.63	Family	\$1,715.07

For the plan year beginning January 1, 2025, any “working spouse” shall remain eligible for coverage in the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) **Employee/Retiree Self-Funded Medical Benefit Plan** conditioned upon payment of a monthly surcharge of \$356.98. “Working spouse” shall mean spouses of employees and non-Medicare retirees who have access to health care coverage provided by their employer. For the plan year beginning January 1, 2025, a tobacco surcharge shall remain in effect for all employees and Pre-65 retirees who are tobacco users at the rate of \$75 per month or \$34.62 bi-weekly. For the plan year

beginning January 1, 2025, the Pre-65 retiree healthcare cost sharing strategy shall remain in effect as (CCG) and 50% (Retiree) for Pre-65 retirees with 0% CCG contribution for dependent coverage. For the plan year beginning January 1, 2025, the active employee healthcare cost sharing strategy shall remain in effect as 73% (CCG) and 27% (Employee) for active employees and dependents.

SECTION 39.

All requests for funding from the Columbus Consolidated Government for new facilities and systems will be supported by a tentative operating and business plan for such facility or system which shall be presented to, reviewed by and approved by Columbus Council before such project is approved for funding in this budget.

SECTION 40.

All requests for funding by agencies, boards, authorities, departments, or elected offices receiving grants or operating appropriations from the Columbus Consolidated Government must be made to Columbus Council during the annual budget process unless such request is pursuant to Ordinance No. 13-39. Nothing herein shall prevent the Mayor, City Manager or Finance Director from recommending mid-year budget amendments to the Council. In emergency situations, the Mayor, City Manager or Finance Director may also recommend to Council additional funding outside the budget process for various departments, agencies, boards, authorities or other entities associated with the city.

SECTION 41.

Salary savings is the amount of salary expense saved when a position is vacant or filled at a lower salary level than the budgeted level. All salary savings achieved in FY2025 by any Department or Elected Office, of the Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Government or any Board, Commission and/or Authority created by the Columbus Council shall only be used to replenish fund balance reserves. Use of salary savings is hereby restricted for any other purpose unless expressly approved by Council.

SECTION 42.

The minimum budget requirements set forth in O.C.G.A. Title 36, Chapter 81, are hereby adopted.

SECTION 43.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Councilor Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_ .

Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Hickey voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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



**ATTACHMENT “A”**

**COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT  
PAY PLAN**

**FOR FY2025**









**File Attachments for Item:**

**3. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance adopting non-operating budgets for the fiscal year 2024 beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget. (Budget Review Committee)

## AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING NON-OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, FOR CERTAIN FUNDS OF THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AND APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNTS SHOWN IN EACH BUDGET.

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

#### SECTION 1.

The non-operating budgets for FY25 are proposed in the amount set forth in each section and as outlined in the following sections of the ordinance.

#### SECTION 2.

The Urban Development Action Grant Fund proposed in the amount of \$15,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for activities under the grant program.

#### SECTION 3.

The HOME Program Fund proposed in the amount of \$1,230,820 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for purposes related to the Home Investment Partnership Program.

#### SECTION 4.

The Multi-Governmental Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$8,332,487 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to fund programs from various state and federal agencies.

#### SECTION 5.

The American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$29,407,196 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for monies received from the

Federal and State government.

#### SECTION 6.

The Hotel/Motel Tax Fund proposed in the amount of \$6,700,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide funding for CCVB and programs and activities identified in the Master Tourism Plan.

#### SECTION 7.

The Police Forfeiture Fund proposed in the amount of \$100,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for monies received from federal and state forfeitures.

#### SECTION 8.

The County Drug Abuse Treatment Fund proposed in the amount of \$170,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for the provision of drug abuse treatment and education programs related to controlled substances and marijuana.

#### SECTION 9.

The VICE/Special Operations Forfeiture Fund proposed in the amount of \$300,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide law enforcement activities.

#### SECTION 10.

The Penalty and Assessment Fund proposed in the amount of \$1,800,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for the operation and staffing of correctional, detention and jail facilities.

#### SECTION 11.

The Sheriff Forfeiture Fund proposed in the amount of \$100,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for monies received from federal and state forfeitures.



## SECTION 12.

The Benning Technology Park Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$70,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes within the boundaries of the Benning Technology Park Tax Allocation District whose designated boundaries includes 51 tax parcels and 299 acres located within the confines of the Southeast Columbus Redevelopment Area.

## SECTION 13.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Liberty District Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$1,600,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes within the boundaries of the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Liberty District Tax Allocation District whose designated boundaries includes 599 tax parcels and 296 acres located within the boundaries of the River District Redevelopment Area.

## SECTION 14.

The Uptown District Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$2,500,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes within the boundaries of the Uptown Tax Allocation District whose designated boundaries includes 389 tax parcels and 194 acres located within the boundaries of the River District Redevelopment Area.

## SECTION 15.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue/City Village Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$1,100,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes within the boundaries of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue/City Village Tax Allocation District whose designated boundaries includes 990 tax parcels and 371 acres located within the boundaries of the River District Redevelopment Area.

## SECTION 16.

The MidTown West Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$1,800,000

for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes within the boundaries of the MidTown West Tax Allocation District whose designated boundaries includes 942 tax parcels and 325.1 acres located within the boundaries of the MidTown Redevelopment Area.

#### SECTION 17.

The MidTown East Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$170,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes within the boundaries of the MidTown East Tax Allocation District whose designated boundaries includes 61 tax parcels and 92.9 acres located within the boundaries of the MidTown Redevelopment Area.

#### SECTION 18.

The Midland Commons Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$295,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes whose designated boundaries includes five (5) tax parcels and approximately 289 acres located within the boundaries of the Midland Commons Redevelopment Area.

#### SECTION 19.

The South Columbus River District Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$435,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes whose designated boundaries includes six (6) tax parcels and approximately 212 acres located within the boundaries of the South Columbus River District Redevelopment Area.

#### SECTION 20.

The Law Library Fund proposed in the amount of \$300,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for certain fees received from the various courts of the Government. The resources are restricted by state law for support of the Law Library.

## SECTION 21.

The Local Government's Share of Opioid Settlement Payments Fund proposed in the amount of \$1,100,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for programs, services, and equipment used towards the prevention and treatment of opioid addiction and related disorders; providing resources to law enforcement agencies to address the opioid crisis; increasing the number of professionals who provide treatment for opioid addiction; educating medical professionals regarding the safe and effective prescribing of, and then tapering off of, opioids; and treatment and prevention of opioid use disorder in incarcerated populations.

## SECTION 22.

The 2021 Sales Tax Proceeds Fund proposed in the amount of \$47,000,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for the monies received from the 2021 special purpose local option sales tax.

## SECTION 23.

The Special (Capital) Projects Fund proposed in the amount of \$25,315,801 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to fund activities supported by the General, Stormwater (Sewer), Paving funds.

## SECTION 24.

The Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Fund proposed in the amount of \$102,250,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to fund activities supported by the TSPLOST project and discretionary funds.

## SECTION 25.

The 1999 Sales Tax Proceeds Account Project Fund proposed in the amount of \$4,601,557 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for projects supported by the 1999 sales tax.

## SECTION 26.

The Columbus Building Authority Revenue Bonds, 2003A Series Fund proposed in the amount of \$501,060 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, such as storm water enhancements.

## SECTION 27.

The Columbus Building Authority Revenue Bonds, 2003B Series Fund proposed in the amount of \$4,829,506 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for the projects of the 2003 taxable lease revenue bonds for the construction of a parking garage.

## SECTION 28.

The Columbus Building Authority Lease Revenue Bonds, 2018 Series Fund proposed in the amount of \$130,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for projects of the 2018 lease revenue bond for construction and equipping of life safety improvements at the Government Center, renovation of the South Commons Softball Park, and to conduct a needs assessment study for a new Judicial and Government Center.

## SECTION 29.

The Columbus Building Authority Lease Revenue Bonds, 2022A Series Fund proposed in the amount of \$3,288,740 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for projects of the 2022A lease revenue bond for the acquisition of approximately 3.5932 acres of land in downtown Columbus, together with buildings, a parking deck and related facilities thereon lactated, and the renovation and improvement of such buildings, structures, and related facilities for use by Columbus in the performance of its governmental, administrative, and proprietary functions.

## SECTION 30.

The Columbus Building Authority Lease Revenue Bonds, 2022B Series Fund proposed in the amount of \$105,457 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for projects of the 2022B lease revenue bond for the acquisition of approximately 3.5932 acres of land in downtown Columbus, together with buildings, a parking deck and related facilities thereon

lactated, and the renovation and improvement of such buildings, structures, and related facilities for use by Columbus in the performance of its governmental, administrative, and proprietary functions.

#### SECTION 31.

The 2021 Sales Tax Proceeds Project Fund proposed in the amount of \$46,692,791 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to fund projects supported by the 2021 Sales Tax Proceeds Account including Road projects and acquisition, construction and equipping of various Capital projects.

#### SECTION 32.

The G.O. Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2022 Fund proposed in the amount of \$152,376,973 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for proceeds from the 2022 G.O. sales tax bonds for acquiring, constructing, and equipping of new judicial facilities.

#### SECTION 33.

The Family and Youth Coalition Fund proposed in the amount of \$52,500 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for monies received from the state of Georgia for Family, Youth and Coalition services.

#### SECTION 34.

Within the overall budget limitations, authority is hereby delegated to the City Manager, or the Finance Director when acting on the authority delegated by the City Manager, to affect such intra-fund transfers of appropriation and revenue anticipation as may be deemed necessary to the effective performance and delivery of services approved herein. The funds contained in this Ordinance may be increased or decreased without immediate Council approval but will be submitted to Council in periodic adjustments. Authority is extended to the City Manager, or the Finance Director on the authority delegated by the City Manager to affect any carryovers necessary for the continued operation of any of the non-operating funds.

#### SECTION 35.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_.
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- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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

**File Attachments for Item:**

**4. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance providing for contributions to the Columbus, Georgia General Government Employees' Pension Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)

AN ORDINANCE

NO \_\_\_\_\_

An Ordinance providing for contributions to the Columbus, Georgia General Government Employees' Pension Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

WHEREAS, Ordinances heretofore adopted by the Council of Columbus, Georgia provided for Governmental Contributions to the Employees' Retirement Plan; and

WHEREAS, Actuarial Consultants have evaluated the Plan and thus determined that the amount of \$6,170,460 is required to fund the Plan in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The annual amount to be prorated among the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners, the Hospital Authority of Columbus, and the Columbus Airport Commission based on actual earnings of the active participants in the Plan for the previous fiscal year is as follows: Consolidated Government, 66.24% or \$4,149,017; Columbus Board of Water Commissioners, 21.50% or \$1,326,649; Hospital Authority of Columbus, 9.75% or \$601,620 and Columbus Airport Commission, 1.51% or \$93,174.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

That the following named agencies shall make the following monthly contributions for fiscal year 2025 to the Finance Director of the Consolidated Government as their prorated share of the contributions, payable the first of each month:

Consolidated Government	\$ 345,751.42
Columbus Board of Water Commissioners	\$ 110,554.08
Hospital Authority of Columbus	\$ 50,135.00
Columbus Airport Commission	\$ 7,764.50

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, an adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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



Agenda Item #

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting**

June 4, 2024

Agenda Report #

TO: Mayor and Council

SUBJECT: **Pension Plan Funding Ordinances**

INITIATED: Human Resources Department

**Recommendation:** Approve pension ordinances that provide governmental contributions to the Columbus, Georgia Employees' Pension Plans for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

**Background:** Annual contributions are required to fund the following Pension Plans based on the July 1, 2023 Actuarial Valuation prepared by Southern Actuarial Services and approved by the Board of Trustees of the Pension Fund:

1. Columbus, Georgia Employees' Pension Plan for General Government Employees
2. Columbus, Georgia Employees' Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety
3. Columbus, Georgia Employees Major Disability Income Plan
4. Columbus, Georgia Employees Death Benefit Escrow Plan

**Analysis:** There is a budgetary and financial impact.

**Legal:** The City Attorney has reviewed a copy of the "Pension Plan Funding Ordinances" and approved them as to form.

**Financial Considerations:** Funding of the minimum required contributions beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Recommendation/Actions:** Finance and Human Resources recommend the approval of the above ordinances.

**File Attachments for Item:**

**5. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance providing for the governmental contributions to the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for employees of the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)

AN ORDINANCE

NO \_\_\_\_\_

An Ordinance providing for the governmental contributions to the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for employees of the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

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WHEREAS, Ordinances heretofore adopted by the Council of Columbus, Georgia provided for governmental contributions to the Public Safety Employees' Pension Plan for the benefit of eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, the Actuarial Consultants have evaluated the Public Safety Employees' Pension Plan and thus determined that the funding required for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 is \$12,330,900. The annual amount to be prorated among the CCG Public Safety Employees is 99.49% or \$12,268,012 and Columbus Airport Commission Public Safety Employees is 0.51% or \$62,888.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

That the following named agencies shall make the following monthly contributions for fiscal year 2025 to the Finance Director of the Consolidated Government as their prorated share of the contributions, payable the first of each month:

Consolidated Government	\$1,022,334.33
Columbus Airport Commission	\$ 5,240.67

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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

**File Attachments for Item:**

**6. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Major Disability Income Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.(Budget Review Committee)

AN ORDINANCE

NO \_\_\_\_\_

An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Major Disability Income Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

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WHEREAS, Ordinances heretofore adopted by the Council of Columbus, Georgia established a Major Disability Income Plan for employees; and

WHEREAS, Actuarial Consultants have evaluated the Major Disability Income Plan and thus determined that the amount of \$266,346 is required to fund the Plan for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The annual amount to be prorated among the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners, the Hospital Authority of Columbus, and the Columbus Airport Commission based on actual earnings of the active participants in the Plan for the previous fiscal year is as follows: Consolidated Government 82.23% or \$219,016; Columbus Board of Water Commissioners, 11.50% or \$30,630; Hospital Authority of Columbus, 5.22% or \$13,903, and the Columbus Airport Commission, 1.05 % or \$2,797.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

That the following named agencies shall make the following contributions for fiscal year 2025 to the Finance Director of the Consolidated Government as their prorated share of the cost of the Major Disability Income Plan by July 15<sup>th</sup>:

Consolidated Government	\$ 219,016
Columbus Board of Water Commissioners	\$ 30,630
Hospital Authority of Columbus	\$ 13,903
Columbus Airport Commission	\$ 2,797

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, an adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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

**File Attachments for Item:**

**7. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Death Benefit Escrow for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)

AN ORDINANCE

NO \_\_\_\_\_

An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Death Benefit Escrow for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

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WHEREAS, Ordinances heretofore adopted by the Council of Columbus, Georgia provided a Death Benefit Escrow Fund for employees; and

WHEREAS, Actuarial Consultants have evaluated the Death Benefit Escrow Plan and thus determined that the amount of \$253,202 is required to fund the Plan for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The annual amount to be prorated among the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners, the Hospital Authority of Columbus, and the Columbus Airport Commission based on actual earnings of active participants in the Plan for the previous fiscal year is as follows: Consolidated Government, 82.23% or \$208,208; Columbus Board of Water Commissioners, 11.50% or \$29,118; Hospital Authority of Columbus, 5.22% or \$13,217, and the Columbus Airport Commission, 1.05% or \$2,659.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

That the following named agencies shall make the following contributions for fiscal year 2025 to the Finance Director of the Consolidated Government as their prorated share of the cost of the Death Benefit Escrow Fund by July 15<sup>th</sup>:

Consolidated Government	\$ 208,208
Columbus Board of Water Commissioners	\$ 29,118
Hospital Authority of Columbus	\$ 13,217
Columbus Airport Commission	\$ 2,659

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, an adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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

**File Attachments for Item:**

**8. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code Solid Waste Collection and Disposal by updating certain fees and the guidelines for an offset to the residential rate for low-income households; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)



AN ORDINANCE  
No. \_\_\_\_\_

An Ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code Solid Waste Collection and Disposal by changing the monthly residential garbage fee and updating the guidelines for an offset to the residential rate for low-income households; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Section 13-169.1 (a) of the Columbus Code of Ordinances is hereby deleted in its entirety and a new Section 13-169.1 (a) is inserted to read as follows:

“(a) A charge for the services of collection and disposal of garbage, trash, and other solid waste including yard waste, in Columbus, Georgia for any residential property shall be as follows:

- (1) A rate of \$21.00 per month for a full cost collection service at the curb or on city right-of-way.
- (2) An offset of 25% per month, rounded to the nearest dime, for a low-income household collection service at the curb or on the city right-of-way.

A low income household is one which receives food stamps, aid to families with dependent children or has a total yearly income below the poverty income line guidelines for family units in the United States set by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, or its successor, said guidelines now being set forth presently in the Federal Register, Vol. 89, No. 11, January 17, 2024 (Document no. 2024-00796), pp. 2961-2963 as follows:

SIZE OF FAMILY UNIT	POVERTY
1	\$ 15,060
2	\$ 20,440
3	\$ 25,820
4	\$ 31,200
5	\$ 36,580
6	\$ 41,960

7	\$ 47,340
8	\$ 52,720
For each additional person, add	\$ 5,380

“Such guidelines will be adjusted annually according to the Federal Register.”

SECTION 2.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, an adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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**Sec. 13-169.1. Same—Residential.**

(a) A charge for the services of collection and disposal of garbage, trash, and other solid waste including yard waste, in Columbus, Georgia for any residential property shall be as follows:

- (1) A rate of ~~\$18.00~~ \$21.00 per month for a full cost collection service at the curb or on city right-of-way.
- (2) An offset of 25 percent per month, rounded to the nearest dime, for a low-income household collection service at the curb or on the city right-of-way.

A low income household is one which receives food stamps, aid to families with dependent children or has a total yearly income below the poverty income line guidelines for family units in the United States set by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, or its successor, said guidelines now being set forth presently in the Federal Register, Vol. 8889, No. 1211, January 1917, 2023-2024 (Document no. 2023-008852024-00796), pp. 3424-34252961-2963 as follows:

Size of family unit	Poverty
1	<del>\$14,580</del> <u>\$15,060</u>
2	<del>\$19,720</del> <u>\$20,440</u>
3	<del>\$24,860</del> <u>\$25,820</u>
4	<del>\$30,000</del> <u>\$ 31,200</u>
5	<del>\$35,140</del> <u>\$36,580</u>
6	<del>\$40,280</del> <u>\$41,960</u>
7	<del>\$45,420</del> <u>\$47,340</u>
8	<del>\$50,560</del> <u>\$52,720</u>
For each additional person, add	<del>\$5,140</del> <u>\$5,380</u>

"Such guidelines will be adjusted annually according to the Federal Register."

**File Attachments for Item:**

**9. 1st Reading-** An ordinance renewing Business Improvement Districts in Columbus, Georgia through December 31, 2034; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

AN ORDINANCE

No.

An ordinance renewing Business Improvement Districts in Columbus, Georgia through December 31, 2034; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1.

Ordinance No. 99-42 created a Business Improvement District for Columbus, Georgia. Ordinance No. 04-41 renewed a Business Improvement District for Columbus, Georgia for the period from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2009, and Ordinance No. 09-6 further renewed the Business Improvement District for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014. Ordinance No. 14-41 again renewed the Business Improvement District for a ten-year period through December 31, 2024, There is hereby renewed a Business Improvement District in Columbus, Georgia as shown on the attached map and the attached description of district boundaries which shall remain on file in the office of the Muscogee County Tax Commissioner and the Department of Community and Economic Development. The attached district plan for the business improvement district is hereby adopted, approved and renewed. The Consolidated Government may impose a collection fee of up to 2.5% upon amounts collected through property tax charges in the business improvement district. Supplemental services provided by the District shall commence January 1, 2025 and the District shall terminate on December 31, 2034 unless renewed by further ordinance of the Columbus Council. Said supplemental services in the business improvement district shall be funded through the levy of business improvement district tax assessments for ten years beginning in 2015 and ending in 2024 through the annual ordinances levying taxes for Columbus, Georgia. This schedule is hereby made a part of the business improvement district management plan.

The said City Business Improvement District is renewed pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-43-1 et seq., as amended, which authorizes consolidated governments to establish and renew city business improvement districts for the purpose of imposing assessments on real property for specified services to the district.

Petitioners have been filed from property owners representing more than 51% of the assessed value or more than 51% of the total property owners requesting the Columbus Council to renew such a district in the designated area, as outlined in the management plan attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The legal boundaries of the city business improvement district and its three (3) benefit zones which will receive different levels of service, benefit and assessment are identified by the attached map in the management plan.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-43-1, the district plan for the provision of supplemental service to the District presented to the Columbus Council is hereby renewed and approved until amended by the Columbus Council. The governing body of district property owners shall make recommendations to the Columbus Council as to amendments to the district plan. The Finance Director or her designated representative shall serve as an ex-officio member of the governing body of the Business Improvement District to represent the Consolidated Government. The governing body of the Business Improvement District shall submit monthly financial statements to the Finance Director of the Consolidated Government for review and publication. The governing body of the Business Improvement District shall submit the budget for the Business Improvement District to the Columbus Council on an annual basis.

Section 2.

The City Business Improvement District Management Plan, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, contains the following information.

- (1) A map of the district in sufficient detail to locate each parcel of property within the district.
- (2) A description of the boundaries of the district, including the boundaries of any benefit zones.
- (3) A description of the services to be provided.
- (4) The time, manner and specific number of years in which assessment will be levied.
- (5) A description of how the management district will be governed by the private sector management organization.

Section 3.

The level of services presently provided by Columbus, Georgia in the area of the City Business Improvement District will continue to be provided at the same level as before the Business Improvement District was created or renewed.

Section 4.

A Public hearing was held on June 4th 2024, at 5:30 pm in the Columbus Council Chambers, 3111 Citizen's Way, Columbus, Georgia.

Section 5.

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

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 4th day of June, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2024, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor



**January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2034  
Management Plan**

For The  
Columbus Business Improvement District (BID)  
as managed by  
Uptown Columbus BID, Inc.  
Columbus, Georgia

*Prepared pursuant to the State of Georgia  
City Business Improvement District Act  
To renew a Business Improvement District in  
Uptown Columbus for the BID property owners.*



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## SECTION 1

### What is the Columbus Business Improvement District (BID)?

The International Downtown Association estimates that more than 1,500 property based Business Improvement Districts (BID) currently operate throughout the United States and Canada. In most states, all BIDs are fundamentally a legal mechanism to raise funds to enhance the management of a downtown area.

A BID is based upon the benefit assessment district concept, which provides for an assessment on real property to be raised within a specific geographic district with the proceeds going directly back into the district to provide enhanced services that benefit the district and properties located within the district boundaries. A BID provides a myriad of enhanced services and activities, including safety, maintenance, marketing, business recruitment and retention, and special events, in addition to those provided by local government.

The Columbus Business Improvement District (the “BID”) represents an important movement by property owners and business leaders to establish a viable service district managed by Uptown Columbus BID, Inc. (the “Manager”) as a well-funded, professional organization that continues to work to ensure the community maintains a positive perception of the Central Business District, supplements City services to raise the standard of excellence in the BID area, and promotes businesses, major attractions and events to respond to challenges from malls and other competitive developments.

Advantages of the Columbus BID are:

- Over twenty years of experience providing a wide range of services to include safety, hospitality, maintenance, marketing, promotion, business recruitment and retention, and special events.
- The BID is designed, created, and governed by those who pay the assessment through a Board of Directors of property owners that supervise operations, review monthly activity reports, and approve and monitor the annual budget.
- The Columbus BID continues to be implemented by those who pay through a 501(c)(6) non-profit, private sector, management organization of dedicated professionals that have received numerous awards of excellence.
- The Columbus BID, which was authorized for a 10-year term that is scheduled to end in December 2024, can now be renewed for 10 years beyond December 2024 through the petition support of the property owners. Of course, that same petition process can end the life of the BID early should property owners decide it is no longer needed.

## SECTION 2

### Why renew the Business Improvement District (BID)?

The Business Improvement District (BID) continues to play a major role in the exciting and remarkable growth in the Central Business District since operations started in January 2000. This growth in the Central Business District includes new businesses, new restaurants, events, River Restoration, new residents, and new hotels. To support these new facilities, and the people they bring to the Uptown area, makes the renewal of the BID absolutely critical in order to maintain the momentum, continue to attract new investment and expand our customer base.

A quality of life that is second to none makes the BID District a great place to start a business, enjoy the cultural and entertainment center of the region by attending the many fine art facilities, move into one of our many loft apartments, make a purchase in one of our unique shops, or dine in one of our many fine restaurants while enjoying the cleanest, safest, and friendliest environments in Columbus, Georgia. Renewing the BID will keep this momentum, attract new investment and protect and maintain the existing investment. The property owners will assess themselves in order to maintain the 501(c)(6) non-profit private sector management district, which under Georgia law is termed a City Business Improvement District. There are several reasons why Uptown property owners are taking this action:

- 1. To provide consistent funding for the services currently provided by the BID and maintain the extremely positive image the citizens of the community have for the Uptown area.**

The services the BID provides help make the Central Business District the place to visit in Columbus, Georgia. Just as important as this reality, is the fact that more and more citizens in this region are becoming our customers, investors, or visitors because of the very positive image the Uptown area has developed as the cleanest, safest, most attractive and well-managed area in Columbus.

It is very important that we maintain the services that define this image to continue to compete with the shopping centers and office parks for customers, investors, and visitors. The value of a single piece of property is not determined solely by the investments made in that property. Rather, a major portion of that property value is derived from how investors, businesses, and visitors view the entire Uptown area as a business, retail and cultural center. The property owners want to extend the life of the BID in order to maintain a *positive image*.

- 2. Maintain Private Sector Management and Accountability.**

The non-profit, private sector corporation, the Uptown Columbus BID, will manage the organization. A board of directors that are representative of all the property owners paying

assessments will refine and approve annual work plans and budgets based upon this management plan. The board of directors who are accountable to property owners who are paying into the district will ensure the services provided by the Columbus BID are subject to very high private sector performance standards and controls.

**3. The Need to Market, Promote, and Attract new Business and Investment.**

The Central Business District competes with the many shopping centers , office parks and managed downtown areas in the region for tenants, visitors and investors. To remain competitive and viable as the place to go in the region, we must maintain and finance the BID to maintain a proactive strategy to retain businesses and tenants as well as attract new businesses and investments.

The events, programming, coordinated promotions, publication of promotional materials and friendly ambassadors providing customer service assistance all contribute significantly to the continued enhancement of the *Uptown Image*. The renewal of the BID will ensure we maintain these programs and services.

**4. The Need to be Proactive in Determining the Future of Uptown.**

To protect their investment, property owners want to renew the Business Improvement District (BID) in order to remain partners in the process that determines how the development of the Uptown area is implemented. The BID District provides the financial resources, professional staff and private sector management to ensure that the challenges faced by Uptown will be proactively addressed.

## SECTION 3

### Management Plan Summary

Developed by property owners in Uptown Columbus, the Columbus Business Improvement District Plan is designed to improve and convey special benefits to properties located within the boundaries of the BID. The Business Improvement District will provide enhanced improvements and activities, including maintenance, security, marketing, promotion, business recruitment and retention, and special event services above and beyond those currently provided by the City.

**Location:** Approximately 47 blocks, an area defined in Section 4 of this plan.  
(See map on last page of the document)

**Value of District:** The total net assessed value of the land and buildings within the district is \$176,460,470

#### Improvements, Activities, Services:

##### Enhanced Safety/Hospitality Programs

- Uptown Ambassadors Foot Patrol
- Night Safety Patrol
- Off Duty Police Weekend Night Patrol
- Uptown Ambassadors Vehicle or Bicycle Patrol
- Panhandler/Loiterer Removal

##### Enhanced Maintenance Programs

- Graffiti Removal
- Illegal Postings & Handbill Removal
- Sidewalk and Curb Cleaning
- Sidewalk Pressure Washing
- Sidewalk Weeding
- Trash and Debris Removal
- Report Broken Infrastructures (Streetlights and Pedestrian Lights, Sidewalks and Curbs, Pedestrian Lights, Water Meters, Storm Drains, Phone Booths, etc.)

##### Marketing/Communications

- Market Uptown Area
- Clean and Safe Promotions
- Retail Recruitment and Retention
- Office and Residential Recruitment
- Public Relations Services
- Special Events
- Newsletter, Visitor Map, Guides and Brochures
- Market Research and Data Collection

**Method of Financing:** A levy of assessments upon the real property and buildings which benefit from the improvements and activities.

**Budget:** Anticipated total district budget from assessments on assessable property for FY 23-24 will be \$956,798.00.

**Cost:** Annual assessments are based upon an allocation of specific program costs by benefit zone. One property assessment variable, Assessed Value is used in the calculation. No assessments will be levied on the basis of personal property, business licenses or occupation fees.

The annual yearly assessments will not exceed the rates listed below during the first year of the BID.

		<b><u>Benefit Zone 1</u></b>	<b><u>Benefit Zone 2</u></b>	<b><u>Benefit Zone 3</u></b>
<b>Assessment Rate:</b> (Per Dollar of Assessed Value)	Map Color	\$0.00699 (Yellow)	\$0.00576 (Orange/Blue)	\$0.00447 (Purple)

**City Services:** The City has agreed that existing City services will continue to be provided within the BID District at the same level as before the BID was created. BID services are in addition to existing City services.

**District Formation:** District formation requires submission of signed petitions from a group of property owners who either:

1. Collectively own at least fifty-one percent by assessed value of the real property within the district.
- or
2. Represent at least fifty-one percent of all owners of real property within the district.

**Duration:** The district will have a 10-year life beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2034. After 9 years, the petition process must be repeated for the district to continue beyond the 10<sup>th</sup> year.

**Governance:** The Business Improvement District budgets and policies will be refined annually, within the limitations set forth in the district management plan by a board of property owners representative of all the property owners paying assessments.

The private 501(c)(6) non-profit, Columbus Business Improvement District, will implement the improvements and activities defined by the District Management Plan.

## SECTION 4

### Columbus Business Improvement District Boundaries

An approximate 47-block area has been identified for the Columbus Business Improvement District. Within this 47-block area three (3) benefit zones have been established that will receive different levels of service, benefit and assessment. The map on the last page of this report identifies district boundaries and benefit zone boundaries.

#### District Boundaries

The District includes all properties within a boundary of:

*The Western boundary is:*

- Front Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Bay Avenue from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The Chattahoochee River from 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Street.

*The Northern boundary is:*

- 18<sup>th</sup> Street from the River to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.
- From the west side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. to the eastern property line of property on the eastern side of Veterans Parkway, the boundary is the northern property line of property on the north side of 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

*The Eastern boundary is:*

- The Western side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from 18<sup>th</sup> Street to 15<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The Eastern property line of property on the east side of Veterans Parkway from the northern property line of property on 15<sup>th</sup> Street to the southern property line of property on 9<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Eastern property line of property on the Eastside of Broadway from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Eastern property line of property on the Eastside of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue from the Southern property line of property on the Southside of 8<sup>th</sup> Street to the Southern property line of property on the Southside of 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

*The Southern boundary is:*

- The Southern property line is the Northside of 7<sup>th</sup> Street from the west side of Front Avenue to the Eastern property line of property on the Eastside of Broadway.
- Southern property line of property on the Southside of 8<sup>th</sup> Street from the eastern property line of property on the east side of Broadway to the Eastern property line of property on the Eastside of 1st Avenue.
- From the Southern property line of property on the Southside of 9<sup>th</sup> Street from the Eastern property line of property on the Eastside of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to the Eastern property line of property on the Eastside of Veterans Parkway.

## BENEFIT ZONE BOUNDARIES

### Benefit Zone 1

- The Southern boundary of benefit zone 1 is the same as the Southern boundary of the district.
- The Western boundary of benefit zone 1 is the same as the Western boundary of the district from 7th Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street. From 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street the Western boundary is the Middle of Front Avenue. From 13th Street to 14th Street the western boundary is the western property line of property on the west side of Broadway. From 14th the 15th Street the property line is the middle of 1st Avenue.
- The Northern boundary of benefit zone 1 is 12th Street from the River to Front Avenue. From Front Avenue to the Western property line of property on the west side of Broadway the northern boundary is 13th Street. From Broadway to the middle of 1st Avenue the boundary is the north side of 14th Street. From the middle of 1st Ave. to the west side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. the northern boundary is the north side of 15th street. From the west side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. to the eastern property line of property on the east side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. the boundary is the northern property line of property on the North side of 15<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The eastern boundary of benefit zone 1 is the eastern property line of property facing on the eastern side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

### Benefit Zone 2

Benefit zone 2 is divided into two pieces, zone 2a and zone 2b.

The boundary of benefit zone 2a is:

- The Western boundary of Zone 2a is the Eastern boundary of Zone 1.
- The Northern boundary of zone 2a is the Northern boundary of the district between the eastern property line of property on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and the eastern property line of property on the eastern side of Veterans Parkway.
- The Eastern boundary of zone 2a is the Eastern boundary of the district between the northern property line of property on the north side of 15th Street and the southern property line of property on the southern side of 9<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The Southern boundary of Zone 2a is the Southern boundary of the district between the eastern property line of property on the east side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to the eastern property line of property on the Eastern side of Veterans Parkway.

The boundary of benefit zone 2b is:

- The western boundary is the western boundary of the district between 12th street and 14th Street.
- The north boundary is the north side of 14th Street from the River to Broadway.
- The eastern boundary is the western boundary of zone 1 between 14th Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The southern boundary is the northern boundary of zone 1 along 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Street, and 14<sup>th</sup> Street.



### **Benefit Zone 3**

- The Western boundary of zone 3 is the Western boundary of the district from 14th Street to 18<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The Northern boundary is the Northern boundary of the district on 18th Street.
- The Eastern boundary is the Eastern boundary of the district from 18th Street to 15th Street plus the middle of 1st Avenue from 15th Street to 14<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The Southern boundary is the Northern boundary of Zone 2b from the River to Broadway along 14th Street and the Northern boundary of Zone 1 from Broadway to the middle of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue along 14th Street and the northern boundary of Zone 1 from the middle of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to the west side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. along the north side of 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

## SECTION 5

### Programs and Services Provided

#### 1. PUBLIC SAFETY

##### **Columbus BID Public Safety Program**

The 47 block BID safety program mission is to support the police department, property owners and tenants in overall crime prevention efforts and reduction in neighborhood street disorder, while offering a customer service orientation to pedestrians. They provide highly visible neighborhood safety and hospitality service and are intended to supplement individual building security and the Columbus Police Department.

##### **Integration with the Columbus Police Department**

The BID safety program will continue to work closely with the Columbus Police Department and integrate the Uptown Columbus program with that of the Department.

##### **Vehicle and Bicycle Patrol**

The Vehicle and Bike Patrol deters aggressive panhandling and other unsuitable street behavior. Their presence is a deterrent to theft and burglary from motor vehicles, however the service does not completely prevent these crimes. They also deter and report illegal street vending, illegal dumping, and street code violations. They handle a myriad of quality-of-life problems including drinking in public, urinating in public, indecent exposure, trespassing, prostitution observations, scavenging and shopping cart confiscation. They perform goodwill gestures such as escorting employees, helping lost persons, assisting disabled motorists and conducting tours. Vehicle and Bike Patrols also assist with traffic control in the event of accidents, fires or unusual occurrences.

They patrol assigned routes, covering all zones in the district. They are professional, assertive, friendly, courteous, people oriented individuals in excellent physical condition. The Vehicle and Bike Patrol officers complete customized classroom district training and additional hours of field training.

##### **Foot Patrol**

The Foot Patrol will concentrate on the highest pedestrian use corridors such as Broadway. The Foot Patrol has the same mission and receives the same training as the bike patrol. Uniforms and equipment will be almost identical.

#### 2. MAINTENANCE

##### **BID Clean Team**

In order to deal effectively and consistently with maintenance issues a BID Maintenance Program will continue to make the BID area one of the cleanest places in Columbus. A multi-dimensional approach has been developed consisting of the following elements:

**Trash Removal:** In collaboration with the City of Columbus, crews will remove permitted trash bags and dispose of refuse. This includes changing bags in containers and removing trash in the evening hours.

**Sidewalk Maintenance:** Uniformed, sweep litter, debris and refuse from sidewalks and gutters of the district. Remove large illegal dumping in the district.

**Alley Maintenance:** The Clean Team and safety patrols each have responsibility in this area. Safety personnel address owner and tenant compliance with City code issues on cleanliness of sidewalks, alleys and illegal dumping. The Clean Team clears the alley of debris when a responsible party cannot be found for illegal dumping or other violations.

**Graffiti Removal:** The Clean Team remove graffiti by using Graffiti Removal, cleaning solvent and pressure washing. The district will maintain a zero tolerance graffiti policy.

**Sidewalk Cleaning:** All sidewalks are cleaned on a rotating schedule. High pedestrian areas may be cleaned more frequently.

**Light Landscape Maintenance:** Public landscape areas, tree wells and planters will be maintained and kept free of litter and, to the extent deemed appropriate, enhanced by planting or replanting of trees and other vegetation and the installation of appropriate fencing.

**Illegal Postings and Handbill Removal:** Illegal signs and handbills scotch taped or glued on public property, utility boxes, poles and telephones are removed by hand or when necessary, by pressure washing.

**Special Collections:** The BID truck will be available to collect abandoned shopping carts and large bulky items illegally dumped in the district.

**Maintenance Problems Requiring Third Party Intervention:** Problems are monitored that create blighted or unsafe conditions in the district. Monthly and daily requests are made to the responsible city agencies for repair. Types of problems include broken infrastructures such as streetlights and pedestrian lights, sidewalks and curbs, water meters, storm drains, phone booths, etc.

**Lighting Maintenance and Installation:** Monitor streetlight levels and report outages to the appropriate authority. To the extent deemed appropriate in public areas, install decorative lights, security lights, fixtures, globes, or bulbs to illuminate the surrounding area.

### 3. MARKETING / COMMUNICATIONS / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*Tell the story...again and again and again.* The program that will be developed to tell the story of change and improvement in Uptown Columbus is one of the most important parts of the improvement plan. The program that is developed by the property owners will include several tools to support the efforts of individual property owners and brokers to attract and retain tenants. Several types of communication elements could be used. Some of these elements are:

- Uptown Columbus website, [www.alwaysuptown.com](http://www.alwaysuptown.com)
- Business Directory
- Public and Media Relations
- Social Media

- Sponsoring, cosponsoring, or promoting events such as festivals and concerts which are designed to promote the District and increase pedestrian presence and activity.
- Others as needed

#### **4. ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

Service needs for BID ratepayers are constantly evolving. Recognizing that new conditions may arise that are not specifically covered herein, the Manager may provide other additional reasonable services relating to public safety, maintenance, beautification and marketing; provided; however, that such services are approved by the Manager's Board of Directors and that all programs and services listed above are fully funded.

#### **5. MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

A professional staff that provides its own administrative support will manage the Columbus BID improvements and activities.

# SECTION 6

## Assessment Methodology

Columbus BID property owners and business owners have emphasized that the assessment formula for the Management District must be fair balanced and have a direct relationship between benefits received and costs.

### Calculation of Assessments

The preceding methodology is applied to a database that has been constructed by the Columbus BID staff and approved by the property owners, and Board of Directors. The process for compiling the property database includes the following steps:

- Property data was first obtained from the City Assessor's Office.
- City assessor property data was crosschecked with reliable private sector data sources.
- A site survey was undertaken to verify selective data.

Based upon the methodology as set forth above, property data compiled by the Board of Directors, who represent the property owners, the BID budget will yield the following assessments for each benefit zone.

\* The annual yearly assessments will not exceed the rates listed below during the first year of the BID.

	<b><u>Benefit Zone 1</u></b>	<b><u>Benefit Zone 2</u></b>	<b><u>Benefit Zone 3</u></b>
<b>Assessment Rate</b> (Per Dollar of Assessed Value)	\$0.00699	\$0.00576	\$0.00447

In future years, assessments may change, up or down, if assessed value information changes and/or BID budgets change pursuant to the Price Index Adjustment as detailed below. Assessments will in any event not exceed the limits described in the following section of this Plan. This assessment rate has not gone up since 1999 when we first started the BID.

### Annual Assessment Adjustments

#### CPI Adjustments

Total program revenue may be adjusted each year to reflect the annual change in the Columbus Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all urban consumers. In no case will the annual increase due to CPI increases exceed 5%. Actual annual increases will range from 0% to 5%.

#### Budget Adjustments

Any annual budget surplus or deficit will be rolled into the following year's BID budget. Assessments will be set accordingly, within the constraints of the CPI, to adjust for surpluses or deficits that are carried forward.

### **Time and Manner for Collecting Assessments**

As provided by state law, the Columbus BID assessment will appear as a separate line item on annual property tax bills. Existing laws for enforcement and appeal of property taxes apply to the BID assessments.

### **Government Assessments**

The Columbus BID Management Plan does not assume that the City of Columbus will pay assessments for property owned within the boundaries of the BID.

It is the intent of the BID law to provide services only to those properties that pay assessments. BID services will not be provided to government properties that do not pay BID assessments. All reasonable efforts will be made to include government properties on a voluntary basis in the BID assessment.

### **Residential Assessments**

Single-family residential property, including property classified as condominium units, that is used exclusively as an owner-occupied residence will not be assessed.

### **Personal Property Assessments**

Personal property, such as inventory, vehicles, and office equipment, will not be assessed.

### **Non-Profit Assessments**

Property held in a non-profit status that does not currently pay ad valorem taxes is not required to pay BID assessments. All reasonable efforts will be made to include non-profit properties on a voluntary basis in the BID assessment.

### **Current and Proposed Uses of the Land**

The assessable land within the proposed district is currently being used primarily for commercial uses. No changes to land use are proposed.

## SECTION 7

### **Governing the Business Improvement District**

Consistent with business improvement district (BID) legislation throughout the nation, Georgia's BID law establishes a BID governance framework that allows property owners who pay assessments to determine how the assessments are used. The following components are required within a BID governing structure.

#### **City Council**

Following the submission of petitions from property owners representing more than 50% of the assessed value and/or more than 50% of the total property owners, the City Council holds a public hearing and then may form the BID. The BID is established by an ordinance of the Council, with the power to levy assessment on property.

#### **Private Sector and the BID Management Organization**

The BID budgets and policies will be refined annually, within the limitations set forth in the district management plan, by the Columbus BID Corporation board of directors. The Board of the Uptown Columbus BID Corporation will be made up of property owners paying assessments within the district and will be structured to represent all of the property owners and reflect the assessments being paid.

The Uptown Columbus BID Corporation is a non-profit organization qualified as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The corporation is organized exclusively to implement the improvements and activities defined by the District Management Plan.

## SECTION 8

### **Continuation of City Services**

Throughout the process to establish the Columbus Business Improvement District, business and property owners have voiced concerns that the City of Columbus maintains existing services at verifiable “baseline” service levels. A formal baseline level of service policy ensures that existing City services are enhanced and not replaced by new BID improvements and activities.



## SECTION 9

### City Business Improvement District Rules

#### **Contracting For Services**

In order to supply the highest level of qualified services at the most reasonable cost the District may contract for services with public agencies, with non-profit public service agencies or with for-profit organizations.

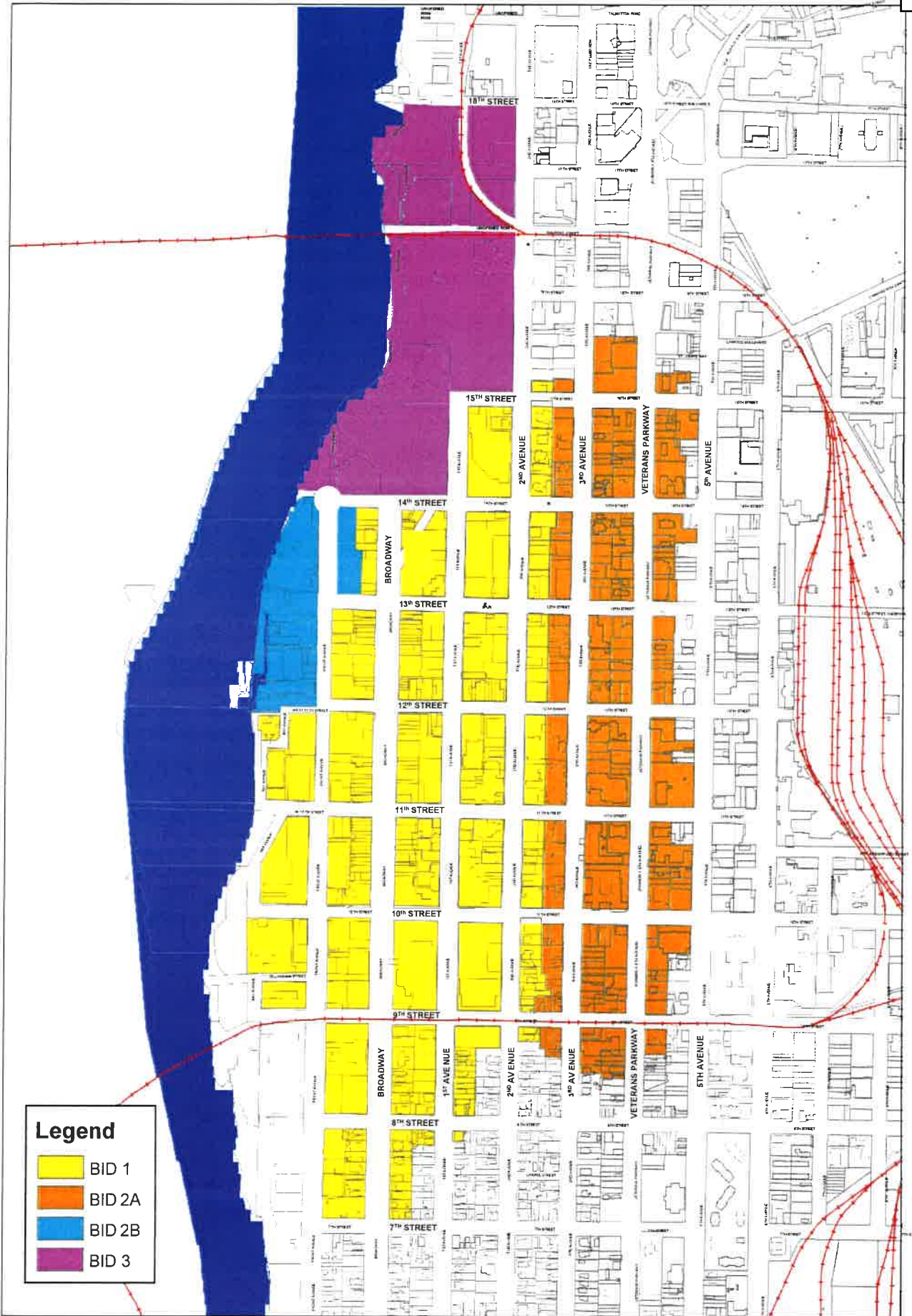
#### **Contracting Of Services**

When it is determined to be in the best interest of the District, the District may contract with non-assessment paying property owners to provide District services to those owners.

## SECTION 10

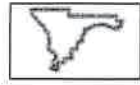
Uptown BID  
FY 23-24 Budget

	Approved
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Bid Assessment	892,258
Compactor Revenue	40,000
Interest Income	50
Non-Profits	1,000
Security Reimbursements	15,990
You Tube Project Revenue	7,500
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>956,798</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Accounting Fees	10,000
Annual Bonus	7,500
Beautification	-
Compactor Expense	40,000
Contingency	5,093
Contract Services	1,000
Dues and Subscriptions	250
Education and Meetings	1,500
Employee Health Insurance	22,500
Employee Pension	2,000
Facilities and Equipment	5,000
Ins Liability and Workers Comp	25,000
Insurance D&O and Other	1,000
Maintenance Program	280,000
Marketing for BID	20,000
Marketing/ Promotions/ Events	-
Meals and Entertainment	1,000
Office Equipment Expense	3,500
Office Rent Expense	18,900
Office Supplies	4,000
Postage	1,000
Professional Services	
Repairs and Maintenance	2,000
Safety Program	218,890
Salaries Admin	88,560
Security- Private Sector Enhanc	15,990
Security - Weekends	155,115
Splash Pad Operating Expense	15,000
Telephone and Monitor Expense	5,000
Uniforms	4,000
Utilities	3,000
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>956,798</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
Other Income	210,000
Other Expense	210,000
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>



**Legend**

- BID 1
- BID 2A
- BID 2B
- BID 3



**File Attachments for Item:**

**10. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance adopting new permit fees for Building Code inspections in Section 8-14.4 of the Columbus Code; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

An Ordinance adopting new permit fees for Building Code inspections in Section 8-14.4 of the Columbus Code; and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1.

Chapter 8 of the Columbus Code is here by amended by striking paragraph (g) of Section 8-14.4 and replacing it with a new paragraph (g) to read as follows:

“(g) *Fees.*

- (1) *Prescribed fees.* A permit shall not be issued until the fees prescribed herein have been paid. Nor shall an amendment to a permit be released until the additional fee, if any, due to an increase in the estimated cost of the building, structure, electrical, plumbing, mechanical or gas systems, has been paid.
- (2) *Work commencing before permit issuance.* Any person who commences any work on a building, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system before obtaining the necessary permits shall be subject to a penalty of 100 percent of the usual permit fee in addition to the required permit fees.
- (3) *Accounting.* The building official shall keep a permanent and accurate accounting of all permit fees and other monies collected, the names of all persons upon whose account the same was paid, along with the date and amount thereof.
- (4) *Fee schedule.*
  - a. *Building.* For all buildings, structures, or alterations requiring a building permit, a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:
    - 1. The permit fee for new construction and substantial renovation of one- or two-family residential structures shall be \$0.35 per square feet of the structure. All areas under a roof shall be included in the total square feet of the structure. The minimum fee shall be \$250.00.
    - 2. The permit fee for new construction and substantial renovation of commercial structures shall be calculated per square foot and type of occupancy below:
      - Assembly and Educational Occupancies = \$0.65/square foot
      - Business and Mercantile Occupancies = \$0.50/square foot
      - Residential Occupancy = \$0.55/square foot
      - All other occupancies = \$0.40/square foot

All areas under a roof shall be included in the total square feet of the structure. The minimum fee shall be \$250.00.
  - 3. For renovation projects under \$25,000. the permit fee shall be \$100.00.

4. For renovation projects over \$25,000.00, up to and including \$50,000, the permit fee shall be \$150.00.
  5. For renovation projects over \$50,000.00, up to and including \$75,000, the permit fee shall be \$250.00. Renovation projects over \$75,000.00 shall be deemed substantial renovation projects and fees will be calculated per paragraphs 1 and 2 above.
  6. A plan review fee, for commercial construction shall be one-fourth the permit fee to be submitted with permit application, \$75.00 minimum. Plan review fee is a separate fee from the permit fee and shall not be deducted from the permit fee.
  7. For the moving of any building or structure, other than a portable building, the fee shall be \$150.00.
  8. For the moving of any portable building the fee shall be \$150.00.
  9. For the demolition of any residential building or structure, the fee shall be \$75.00.
  10. For the issuance of any certificate of occupancy, the fee shall be \$60.00.
  11. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a reinspection shall be as follows:
    - i. For first occurrence there will be no charge.
    - ii. For subsequent occurrences the fee shall be \$75.00.
  12. Where any building permit has been expired less than 24 months, the reactivation fee shall be \$75.00
  13. Where inspections are required after hours for approved shut downs, or other emergency needs, the fee shall be \$75.00, for the first hour, plus \$50.00 for each additional hour thereafter.
- b. *Gas.* For all gas systems requiring a permit, a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:
1. For the installation, repair, alteration or addition of gas piping, appliances or appurtenances, the fee shall be \$75.00 per meter.
  2. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a reinspection shall be as follows:
    - i. For first occurrence there will be no charge.
    - ii. For subsequent occurrences the fee shall be \$75.00.
  3. Where inspections are required after hours for approved shut downs, or other emergency needs, the fee shall be \$75.00, for the first hour, plus \$50.00 for each additional hour thereafter.
- c. *Electrical.* For all electrical systems requiring a permit, a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:
1. For the installation, repair, alteration or addition of electrical work the fee shall be \$75.00 per meter.
  2. For temporary electrical service, the fee shall be \$75.00 per meter.
  3. For construction power permits the fee shall be \$75.00 per meter.
  4. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a re-inspection shall be as follows:

- i. For first occurrence there will be no charge.
    - ii. For subsequent occurrences the fee shall be \$75.00.
  - 5. Where inspections are required after hours for approved shutdowns, or other emergency needs, the fee shall be \$75.00, for the first hour, plus \$50.00 for each additional hour thereafter.
  - 6. Construction power approval shall be issued for a period of no more than 180 days. If necessary for temporary work to remain for more than 180 days, request for such extension of temporary approval shall be made in writing by the person, firm or corporation holding the permit.
- d. *Plumbing.* For all plumbing work requiring a permit a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:
  - 1. For the installation, repair, alteration or addition to any plumbing system, fixture, or appliance the fee shall be \$75.00 per meter.
  - 2. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a re-inspection shall be as follows:
    - i. For first occurrence there will be no charge.
    - ii. For subsequent occurrences the fee shall be \$75.00.
  - 3. Where inspections are required after hours for approved shut downs, or other emergency needs, the fee shall be \$75.00, for the first hour, plus \$50.00 for each additional hour thereafter.
- e. *Mechanical.* For all heating and air conditioning work requiring a permit, a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:
  - 1. For the installation, repair, alteration or addition of heating, ventilating, duct, air conditioning and refrigeration systems, the fee shall be \$75.00.
  - 2. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a re-inspection shall be as follows:
    - i. For first occurrence there will be no charge.
    - ii. For subsequent occurrences the fee shall be \$75.00.
  - 3. Where inspections are required after hours for approved shut downs, or other emergency needs, the fee shall be \$75.00, for the first hour, plus \$50.00 for each additional hour thereafter
- f. *Building permit valuations.* If for substantial renovation projects, in the opinion of the building official, the valuation of building, alteration, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing systems appears to be underestimated on the application, permit shall be denied, unless the applicant can show detailed estimates to meet the approval of the building official. Permit valuations shall include total cost, such as electrical, gas, mechanical, plumbing equipment and other systems, including materials and labor.”

SECTION 2.

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

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 14th day of May, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen        voting \_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Begly        voting \_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Cogle        voting \_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb        voting \_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis        voting \_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett       voting \_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Hickey        voting \_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Huff         voting \_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Thomas       voting \_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Tucker       voting \_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III Mayor



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**Sec. 8-14.4. Permits.****(a) Permit application.**

- (1) *Required.* Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.
- (2) *Work exempt from permit.* Permits shall not be required for the following. Exemption from permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction.
  - a. Building:
    1. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
    2. Temporary motion picture, television, and theatre stage sets and scenery.
    3. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep.
    4. Swings and other playground equipment.
    5. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
  - b. Electrical:
    1. Listed cord and plug connected temporary decorative lighting. Temporary electric power and lighting installations shall be permitted for a period not to exceed 90 days.
    2. Reinstallation of attachment plug receptacles but not the outlets therefor.
    3. Replacement of branch circuit overcurrent devices of the required capacity in the same location.
    4. Electrical wiring, devices, appliances, apparatus or equipment operating at less than 25 volts and not capable of supplying more than 50 watts of energy.
    5. Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.
  - c. Gas:
    1. Portable heating, cooking or clothes drying appliances.
    2. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
    3. Portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.
  - d. Mechanical:
    1. Portable heating appliances.
    2. Portable ventilation appliances.
    3. Portable cooling units.

4. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
  5. Portable evaporative coolers.
  6. Self-contained refrigeration systems containing 10 pounds (4.54 kg) or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of 1 horsepower (746 W) or less.
  7. Portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.
- e. Plumbing:
1. The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe; provided, however, that if any concealed trap, drainpipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe becomes defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, such work shall be considered as new work and a permit shall be obtained and inspection made as provided in this code.
  2. The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures, and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.
- f. Repairs:
1. Ordinary minor repairs may be made without a permit, provided that such repairs shall not violate any of the provisions of the technical codes. Such minor repairs shall not include the cutting away of any wall, partition or portion thereof, the removal or cutting of any structural beam or loadbearing support, or the removal or change of any required means of egress, or rearrangement of parts of a structure affecting the egress requirements; nor shall ordinary repairs include addition to, alteration of, replacement or relocation of any water supply, sewer, drainage, drain leader, gas, soil, waste, vent or similar piping, electric wiring or mechanical or other work affecting public health or general safety. The building official or his designee shall be available to determine whether a proposed repair is exempt.
  2. Emergency repairs. Where equipment replacements and repairs that otherwise require a permit, must be performed in an emergency situation, the permit application shall be submitted within the next working business day to the building official.
- (3) *Temporary structures.* The erection of temporary structures such as construction sheds, seats, canopies, tents and fences used in construction work or for temporary purposes such as reviewing stands shall not require a permit as long as such structures shall be completely removed in a timely fashion.
- (4) *Work authorized.* A building permit shall carry with it the right to construct or install the work, provided the same are shown on the drawings and set forth in the specifications filed with the application for the permit. Where these are not shown on the drawings and covered by the specifications submitted with the application, separate permits shall be required.
- (5) *Information required.* Each application for a permit, with the required fee, shall be filed with the building official on a form furnished for that purpose and shall contain a general description of the proposed work and its location. The application shall be signed by the owner or his authorized agent. The building permit application shall indicate the proposed occupancy of all parts of the building and of that portion of the site or lot, of any, not covered by the building or structure, and shall contain such other information as may be required by the building official.

(b) *Drawings and specifications.*

- (1) *Requirements.* When required by the building official, two or more copies of specifications, and of drawings drawn to scale with sufficient clarity and detail to indicate the nature and character of the work, shall accompany the application for the permit. Such drawings and specifications shall contain information, in the form of notes or otherwise, as to the quality of materials, where quality is essential to conformity with the technical codes. Such information shall be specific, and the technical codes shall not be cited as a whole or in part, nor shall the term "legal" or its equivalent be used as a substitute for specific information. All information, drawings, specifications, and accompanying data shall bear the name and signature of the person responsible for the design.
- (2) *Additional data.* The building official may require details, computations, stress diagrams, and other data necessary to describe the construction or installation and the basis of calculations. All drawings, specifications, and accompanying data, required by the building official to be prepared by an architect or engineer, shall be affixed with their official seal.
- (3) *Design professional.* The design professional shall be an architect or engineer, legally registered under the laws of this state regulating the practice of architecture or engineering, and shall affix his official seal to said drawings, specifications, and accompanying data, for the following:
  - a. All group A, E, and I occupancies.
  - b. Buildings and structures three stories or more high.
  - c. Buildings and structures 5,000 square feet (465 m) or more in area.

For all other buildings and structures, the submittal shall bear the certification of the applicant that some specific state law exception permits its preparation by a person not so registered.

- (4) *Structural and fire resistance integrity.* Plans for all buildings shall indicate how required structural and fire resistance integrity will be maintained where a penetration of a required fire resistant wall, floor or partition will be made for electrical, gas, mechanical, plumbing and communication conduits, pipes and systems and also indicate in sufficient detail how the fire integrity will be maintained where required fire resistant floors intersect the exterior walls.
- (5) *Site drawings.* Drawings shall show the location of the proposed building or structure and of every existing building or structure on the site or lot. The building official may require a boundary line survey prepared by a qualified surveyor.
- (6) *Hazardous occupancies.* The building official may require the following:
  - a. *General site plan.* A general site plan drawn at a legible scale which shall include, but not be limited to, the location of all buildings, exterior storage facilities, permanent access ways, evacuation routes, parking lots, internal roads, chemical loading areas, equipment cleaning areas, storm and sanitary sewer accesses, emergency equipment, and adjacent property uses. The exterior storage areas shall be identified with the hazard classes and the maximum quantities per hazard class of hazardous materials stored.
  - b. *Building floor plan.* A building floor plan drawn to a legible scale which shall include, but not be limited to, all hazardous materials storage facilities within the building and shall indicate rooms, doorways, corridors, exits, fire rated assemblies, with their hourly rating, location of liquid tight rooms, and evacuation routes. Each hazardous materials storage facility shall be identified on the plan with the hazard classes and quantity range per hazard class of the hazardous materials stored.

(c) *Examination of documents.*

- (1) *Plan review.* The building official shall examine, or cause to be examined, each application for a permit and the accompanying documents, consisting of drawings, specifications, computations and additional data, and shall ascertain by such examinations whether the construction indicated and described is in accordance with the requirements of the technical codes and all other pertinent laws or ordinances.
  - (2) *Affidavits.* The building official may accept a sworn affidavit from a registered architect or engineer stating that the plans submitted conform to the technical codes. For buildings and structures, the affidavit shall state that the plans conform to the laws as to egress, type of construction and general arrangement and, if accompanied by drawings, show the structural design and that the plans and design conform to the requirements of the technical codes as to strength, stresses, strains, loads and stability. The building official may, without any examination or inspection, accept such affidavit, provided the architect or engineer who made such affidavit agrees to submit to the building official copies of inspection reports as inspections are performed and upon completion of the structure, electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing systems a certification that the structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system has been erected in accordance with the requirements of the technical codes. Where the building official relies upon such affidavit, the architect or engineer shall assume full responsibility for the compliance with all provisions of the technical codes and other pertinent laws or ordinances.
- (d) *Issuing permits.*
- (1) *Action on permits.* The building official shall act upon an application for a permit without unreasonable or unnecessary delay. If the building official is satisfied that the work described in an application for a permit and the contract documents filed therewith conform to the requirements of the technical codes and other pertinent laws and ordinances, he shall issue a permit to the applicant.
  - (2) *Refusal to issue permit.* If the application for a permit and the accompanying contract documents describing the work do not conform to the requirements of the technical codes or other pertinent laws or ordinances, the building official shall not issue a permit, but shall return the contract documents to the applicant with his refusal to issue such permit. Such refusal shall, when requested, be in writing and shall contain the reason for refusal.
  - (3) *Special foundation permit.* When application for permit to erect or enlarge a building has been filed and pending issuance of such permit, the building official may, at his discretion, issue a foundation only permit. The applicant may proceed at his own risk and without assurance that a permit for the remainder of the work will be granted or that corrections will not be required in order to meet provisions of the technical codes.
  - (4) *Public right-of-way.* A permit shall not be given by the building official for the construction of any building, or for the alteration of any building where said building is to be changed and such change will affect the exterior walls, bays, balconies, or other appendages or projections fronting on any street, alley or public lane, or for the placing on any lot or premises of any building or structure removed from another lot or premises of any building or structure removed from another lot or premises, unless the applicant has made application at the office of the director of the Department of Engineering identifying the public street on which he proposes to build, erect or locate said building; and it shall be the duty of the building official to see that the street lines are not encroached upon except as provided for in this code.
- (e) *Contractor's responsibilities.* It shall be the duty of every contractor who shall make contracts for the installation or repairs of building, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing systems, for which a permit is required, to comply with state or local rules and regulations concerning licensing which the applicable governing authority may have adopted.
- (1) *Electrician's license.*

- a. No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the electrical construction, installation or repair business, within the corporate limits of the City of Columbus, without obtaining a business license as required by the ordinances of the City of Columbus.
  - b. No person shall engage in the business of electrical contractor unless such person holds a valid license issued by the State Construction Industry Board, Division of Electrical Contractors. No partnership or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of electrical contractor unless there is regularly connected with such partnership or corporation a person or persons actually engaged in the performance of such business on a fulltime basis who have valid licenses issued by the State Construction Industry Board, Division of Electrical Contractors.
  - c. Any person, partnership or corporation making application for a license to engage in the business of electrical contracting in Columbus, Georgia, shall furnish the Revenue Collections Division of Columbus, Georgia, a copy of the license issued by the division of electrical contractors.
  - d. No person shall engage in alarm system, general system, or telecommunication system, low-voltage contracting unless such person has a valid license issued by the state construction industry licensing board, division of low-voltage contracting. No partnership or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of low-voltage contracting unless there is regularly connected with such partnership or corporation a person or persons, actually engaged in the performance of such business on a fulltime basis and supervising the low-voltage systems installation, repair, alteration, and service work of all employees of such partnership or corporation, who have valid licenses issued by the state construction industry licensing board, division of low-voltage contracting.
  - e. Any person, partnership or corporation, making application for a license to engage in the business of low-voltage contracting in the city shall furnish the revenue collections division of the city a copy of the license issued by the division of low-voltage contracting of the state construction industry licensing board.
- (2) *Plumber license.* No person shall engage in the business of plumbing contractor unless such person holds a valid license for master plumber issued by the state construction industry board, division of master plumbers and journeyman plumbers. No partnership or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of plumbing unless there is regularly connected with such partnership or corporation a person or persons actually engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis who hold a valid license for master plumber issued by the state construction industry board, division of master plumbers and journeyman plumbers. Any person, partnership or corporation making application for a license to engage in the business of plumbing in Columbus, Georgia, shall furnish the revenue collections division of Columbus, Georgia, a copy of the license issued by the division of master plumbers and journeyman plumbers.
- (3) *Mechanical license.* No person shall engage in the business of conditioned air contractor unless such person holds a valid license for conditioned air contractor issued by the state construction industry board, division of conditioned air contractors. No partnership or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of conditioned air contractor unless there is regularly connected with such partnership or corporation a person or persons actually engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis who hold a valid license for conditioned air contractor issued by the state construction industry board, division of conditioned air contractors.. Any person, partnership or corporation making application for a license to engage in the business of conditioned air contractor in Columbus, Georgia, shall furnish the revenue collections division of Columbus, Georgia, a copy of the license issued by the division of conditioned air contractors.
- (f) *Conditions of the permit.*

- (1) *Permit intent.* A permit issued shall be construed to be a license to proceed with the work and not as authority to violate, cancel, alter, or set aside any of the provisions of the building official from thereafter requiring a correction of errors in plans, construction, or violations of this code. Every permit issued shall become invalid if the work authorized by such permit is not commenced within six months after its issuance, or if the work authorized by such permit is commenced within six months after its issuance, but then is suspended or abandoned for a period of six months after the time the work is commenced. One or more extensions of time, for periods not more than 90 days each, may be allowed for the permit. The extension shall be requested in writing and justifiable cause demonstrated. Extensions shall be in writing by the building official.
  - (2) *Permit issued on basis of an affidavit.* Whenever a permit is issued in reliance upon an affidavit or whenever the work to be covered by a permit involves installation under conditions which, in the opinion of the building official, are hazardous or complex, the building official shall require that the architect or engineer who signed the affidavit or prepared the drawings or computations shall supervise such work. In addition, they shall be responsible for conformity with the permit, provide copies of inspection reports as inspections are performed, and upon completion make and file with the building official written affidavit that the work has been done in conformity with the reviewed plans and with the structural provisions of the technical codes. In the event such architect or engineer is not available, the owner shall employ in his stead a competent person or agency whose qualifications are reviewed by the building official.
  - (3) *Plans.* When the building official issues a permit, he shall endorse, in writing or by stamp, both sets of plans "Reviewed for Code Compliance." One set of drawings so reviewed shall be retained by the building official and the other set shall be returned to the applicant. The permit drawings shall be kept at the site of work and shall be open to inspection by the building official or his authorized representative.
- (g) *Fees.*
- (1) *Prescribed fees.* A permit shall not be issued until the fees prescribed herein have been paid. Nor shall an amendment to a permit be released until the additional fee, if any, due to an increase in the estimated cost of the building, structure, electrical, plumbing, mechanical or gas systems, has been paid.
  - (2) *Work commencing before permit issuance.* Any person who commences any work on a building, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system before obtaining the necessary permits shall be subject to a penalty of 100 percent of the usual permit fee in addition to the required permit fees.
  - (3) *Accounting.* The building official shall keep a permanent and accurate accounting of all permit fees and other monies collected, the names of all persons upon whose account the same was paid, along with the date and amount thereof.
  - (4) *Fee schedule.*
    - a. *Building.* For all buildings, structures, or alterations requiring a building permit, a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:
      1. ~~The construction valuation of one or two family residential structures shall be calculated, per every square foot of floor area, based on a value equal to 57 percent of the current International Code Council building valuation data.~~ **The permit fee for new construction and substantial renovation of one- or two-family residential structures shall be \$0.35 per square feet of the structure. All areas under a roof shall be included in the total square feet of the structure. The minimum fee shall be \$250.00.**
      2. ~~The construction valuation of all other structures shall be calculated based on the current "Square Foot Construction Costs" per the International Code Council Valuation Data.~~ **The**

permit fee for new construction and substantial renovation of commercial structures shall be calculated per square foot and type of occupancy below:

- Assembly and Educational Occupancies = \$0.65/square foot
- Business and Mercantile Occupancies = \$0.50/square foot
- Residential Occupancy = \$0.55/square foot
- All other occupancies = \$0.40/square foot

All areas under a roof shall be included in the total square feet of the structure. The minimum fee shall be \$250.00.

3. For renovation projects under \$25,000.00 ~~Where the construction valuation does not exceed \$26,000.00 the permit fee shall be \$75.00~~ \$100.00.
  4. For renovation projects over \$25,000.00, up to and including \$50,000 ~~For construction valuations over \$26,000.00, up to and including \$30,000.00, the permit fee shall be \$75.00 for the first \$26,000.00, plus, for each additional thousand dollars, or fraction thereof, add \$2.50.~~ \$150.00
  5. For renovation projects over \$50,000.00, up to and including \$75,000 ~~For construction valuations over \$30,000, the permit fee shall be \$85.00 for the first \$30,000 plus, for each additional thousand dollars, or fraction thereof, add \$4.00.~~ **Renovation projects over \$75,000.00 shall be deemed substantial renovation projects and fees will be calculated per paragraphs 1 and 2 above.**
  6. A plan review fee, for commercial construction shall be one-fourth the permit fee to be submitted with permit application, \$75.00 minimum. Plan review fee is a separate fee from the permit fee and shall not be deducted from the permit fee.
  7. For the moving of any building or structure, other than a portable building, the fee shall be ~~\$75.00~~ \$150.00.
  8. For the moving of any portable building the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$150.00.
  9. For the demolition of any residential building or structure, the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00
  10. For the issuance of any certificate of occupancy, the fee shall be ~~\$40.00~~ \$60.00.
  11. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a reinspection shall be as follows:
    - i. For first occurrence there will be no charge.
    - ii. For subsequent occurrences the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00.
  12. Where any building permit has been expired less than 24 months, the reactivation fee shall be \$75.00
  13. Where inspections are required after hours for approved shut downs, or other emergency needs, the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00, for the first hour, plus ~~\$30.00~~ \$50.00 for each additional hour thereafter.
- b. Gas. For all gas systems requiring a permit, a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:

1. For the installation, repair, alteration or addition of gas piping, appliances or appurtenances, the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ **\$75.00** per meter.
  2. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a reinspection shall be as follows:
    - i. For first occurrence there will be no charge.
    - ii. For subsequent occurrences the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ **\$75.00**.
  3. Where inspections are required after hours for approved shut downs, or other emergency needs, the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ **\$75.00**, for the first hour, plus ~~\$30.00~~ **\$50.00** for each additional hour thereafter.
- c. *Electrical*. For all electrical systems requiring a permit, a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:
1. For the installation, repair, alteration or addition of electrical work the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ **\$75.00** per meter.
  2. For temporary electrical service, the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ **\$75.00** per meter.
  3. For construction power permits the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ **\$75.00** per meter.
  4. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a re-inspection shall be as follows:
    - i. For first occurrence there will be no charge.
    - ii. For subsequent occurrences the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ **\$75.00**.
  5. Where inspections are required after hours for approved shut downs, or other emergency needs, the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ **\$75.00**, for the first hour, plus ~~\$30.00~~ **\$50.00** for each additional hour thereafter.
  6. Construction power approval shall be issued for a period of no more than 180 days. If necessary for temporary work to remain for more than 180 days, request for such extension of temporary approval shall be made in writing by the person, firm or corporation holding the permit.
- d. *Plumbing*. For all plumbing work requiring a permit a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:
1. For the installation, repair, alteration or addition to any plumbing system, fixture, or appliance the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ **\$75.00** per meter.
  2. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a re-inspection shall be as follows:
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    - ii. For subsequent occurrences the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ **\$75.00**.
  3. Where inspections are required after hours for approved shut downs, or other emergency needs, the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ **\$75.00**, for the first hour, plus ~~\$30.00~~ **\$50.00** for each additional hour thereafter.
- e. *Mechanical*. For all heating and air conditioning work requiring a permit, a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:



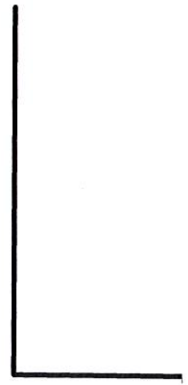
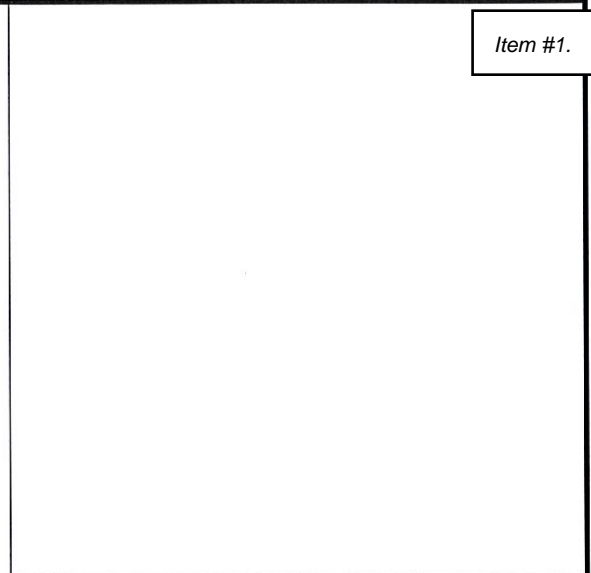
1. For the installation, repair, alteration or addition of heating, ventilating, duct, air conditioning and refrigeration systems, the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ **\$75.00**.
  2. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a re-inspection shall be as follows:
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- f. *Building permit valuations.* If **for substantial renovation projects**, in the opinion of the building official, the valuation of building, alteration, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing systems appears to be underestimated on the application, permit shall be denied, unless the applicant can show detailed estimates to meet the approval of the building official. Permit valuations shall include total cost, such as electrical, gas, mechanical, plumbing equipment and other systems, including materials and labor.

(Ord. No. 17-19, § 2, 5-9-17; Ord. No. 18-24, § 1, 6-12-18, eff. 7-1-18)

**File Attachments for Item:**

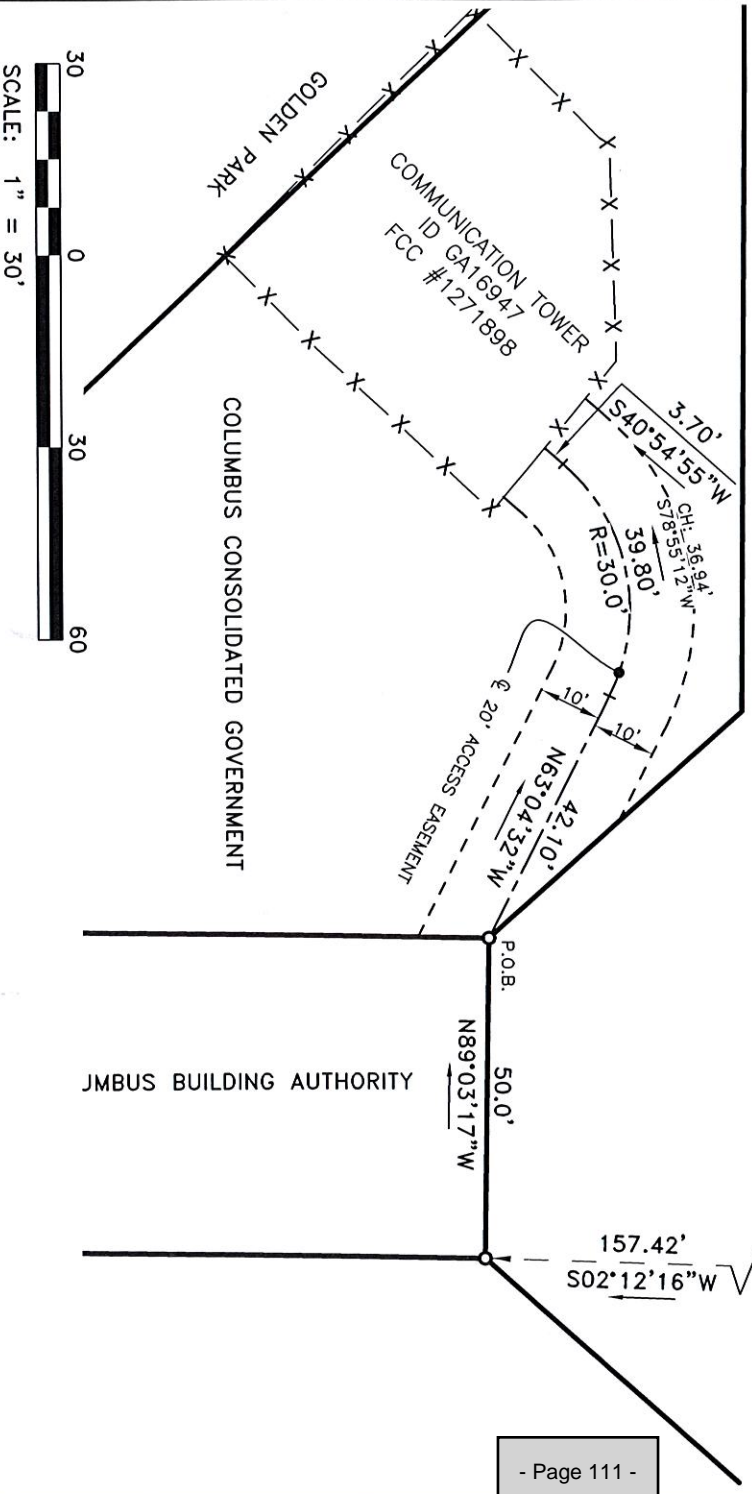
**1. Golden Park Cell Tower 5-Year Lease Extension**

Approval is requested to execute the third and final lease renewal for the purpose of leasing the Golden Park Cell Tower to SBA Towers VI, LLC.



2nd AVENUE

4th STREET



SCALE 1" = 30'

DATE: 17 May 2024

Access Easement Plat  
 Property of  
 Columbus Consolidated Government  
 Part of  
 SOUTH COMMONS  
 Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia

SEAL



**TO ALL PARTIES INTERESTED IN TITLE TO PREMISES SURVEYED:**  
 This plat is a retracement of an existing parcel or parcels of land and does not subdivide or create a new parcel or make any changes to any real property boundaries. The recording information of the documents, maps, plats, or other instruments which created the parcel or parcels are stated hereon. RECORDATION OF THIS PLAT DOES NOT IMPLY APPROVAL OF ANY LOCAL JURISDICTION, AVAILABILITY OF PERMITS, COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL REGULATIONS OR REQUIREMENTS, OR SUITABILITY FOR ANY USE OR PURPOSE OF THE LAND. Furthermore, the undersigned land surveyor certifies that this plat complies with the minimum technical standards for property surveys in Georgia as set forth in the rules and regulations of the Georgia Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and as set forth in O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-67.

*William W. Keefe*  
 JEFFERSON W. KEEFE, R. L. S., Georgia Reg. No. 2787

MOON MEEKS & ASSOCIATES, INC. - 100 Southern Way, Suite A, Columbus, Georgia 31904 - (706) 327-8306

A RESOLUTION  
No. 174-09

C.M. 05-12-09(2)  
Item #1.  
174-09

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO EXECUTE A FIVE (5) YEAR PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBUS LAND MANAGEMENT, LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEASING SPACE AT GOLDEN PARK TO INSTALL AND OPERATE A TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY.**

WHEREAS, Columbus Land Management, LLC desires to lease ground space at Golden Park and is approximately 3,190 square feet; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the lease agreement is to install and operate a 100' concealed structure, all antennas will be mounted internally, cell tower and equipment facility to provide improved cellular telephone service to the area; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed tower site has been reviewed by the Traffic Engineering Division and Community Reinvestment Department and coordinated with Parks & Recreation Department and Public Services Department so as not to interfere with the operations of Golden Park; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus Land Management, LLC will install and maintain in good condition, the landscaping specified as required by Section 3.2.72 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO); and,

WHEREAS, the lease agreement was negotiated to provide the City \$6,000 rent per year for the first five (5) year term with provision for 15% increase of rent for any future terms; and,

WHEREAS, the executed ground lease agreement will become part of this resolution by reference and will be filed with the Clerk of Council.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a five (5) year lease agreement with Columbus Land Management, LLC for the purpose of leasing space at Golden Park to install and operate a telecommunication facility.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 12th day of May, 2009 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of eight members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting

YES  
ABSENT FOR VOTE

Councilor Anthony voting

YES  
YES

Councilor Baker voting

YES  
YES

Councilor Barnes voting

YES  
YES

Councilor Davis voting

ABSENT FOR VOTE  
YES

Councilor Henderson voting

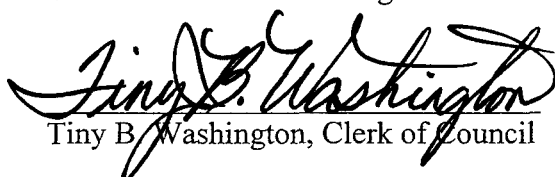
YES  
YES

Councilor Hunter voting

Councilor McDaniel voting

Councilor Turner Pugh voting

Councilor Woodson voting

  
Tiny B. Washington, Clerk of Council

  
Jim Wetherington, Mayor

**Columbus Consolidated Government**

**Council Meeting**

**05/12/2009**

**Agenda Report # 390**

**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**SUBJECT:** Golden Park Cell Tower Lease  
**INITIATED BY:** Department of Community Reinvestment

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to enter into a Lease Agreement with Columbus Land Management, LLC, for a (5) five-year property lease agreement on space at Golden Park to install and operate a telecommunication facility.

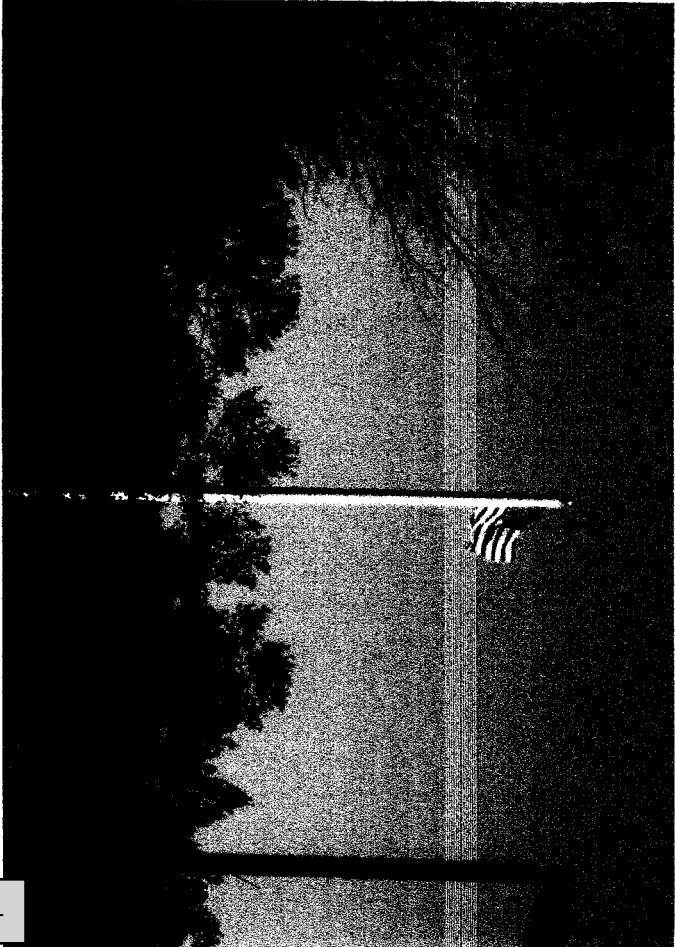
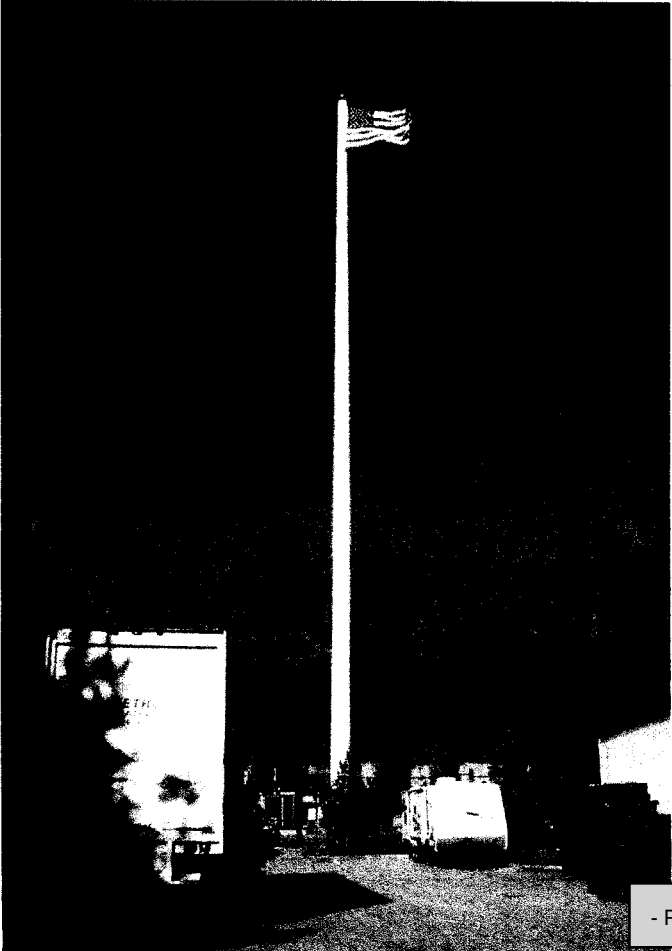
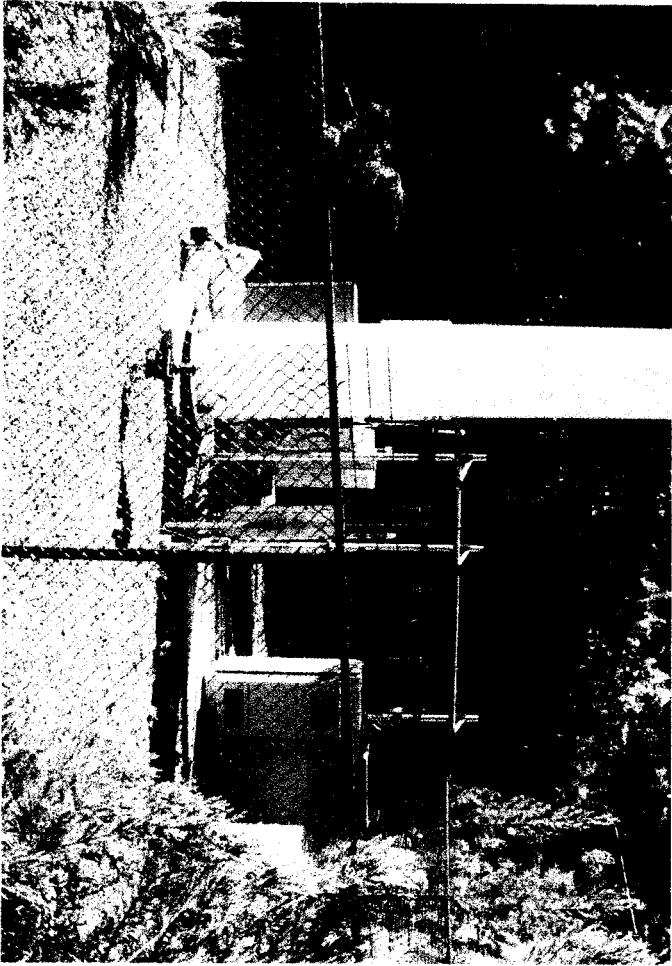
**Background:** Columbus Land Management, LLC approached the City with the desire to mount a cell antenna on one of the light poles at Golden Park. The company they represent is looking to improve cell phone service in the area. The Public Service Department reviewed the purposed placement of the antenna on the light pole and objected to the placement of the cell antenna on the light pole due to safety concerns during the maintenance and replacement of lights on the pole. Columbus Land Management, LLC worked with the Community Reinvestment Department to find an alternative site at Golden Park. The proposed alternative is the installation of a 100' concealed structure, all antennas mounted internally, outside the park on the property used for the Old Driver's License Bureau. The pine trees outside Golden Park and the newly constructed Skate Park rest room faculty will assist in screening the view of the proposed location.

**Analysis:** The Community Reinvestment Department and Traffic Engineering Division have evaluated the property and the lease, and have coordinated with the Public Services Department and Parks & Recreation so the facility will not interfere with the operations of Golden Park. The Planning Department has reviewed the proposed location and the site meets all UDO requirements. The initial term of the lease will be \$6,000 annually for a term of five (5) years and the option to extend, with Council approval, the term of this Agreement for three (3) additional consecutive five (5) year periods.

**Financial Considerations:** The City will receive \$6,000 per year in quarterly payments for the first five (5) year term with a 15% increase for any additional five (5) year terms approved by Council. Hence, the rent for the second term would be \$6,900, the third term \$7,935 and the fourth term would be \$9,125.25.

**Legal Considerations:** Any lease agreement involving the City requires Council approval.

**Recommendations/ Actions:** Approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a five (5) year property lease agreement with Columbus Land Management, LLC for the purpose of leasing space at Golden Park to install and operate a telecommunication facility.



**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #1.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Golden Park Cell Tower 5-Year Lease Extension</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to execute the third and final lease renewal for the purpose of leasing the Golden Park Cell Tower to SBA Towers VI, LLC.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Community Reinvestment</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to execute the third and final lease renewal for the purpose of leasing the Golden Park Cell Tower to SBA Towers VI, LLC.

**Background:** SBA Towers VI, LLC is currently leasing space at the Golden Park Cell Tower. The original lease was approved by Council in Resolution 174-09 and entered into on May 20, 2009. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final renewal term for this contract. The term will be extended through May 31, 2029 with the same terms and conditions as set forth in the Lease with a modification being made to the access easement.

**Analysis:** The lease renewal amount will be increased to \$9,125.25 per year.

**Financial Considerations:** The City will receive \$9,125.25 per year.

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

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to execute the third and final lease renewal for the purpose of leasing the Golden Park Cell Tower to SBA Towers VI, LLC.

**A RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION A LEASE AMENDMENT AND RENEWAL THROUGH MAY 31, 2029, WITH SBA TOWERS VI, LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEASING SPACE AT GOLDEN PARK TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN AN EXISTING TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER.**

**WHEREAS**, SBA Towers VI, LLC desires to renew a lease agreement for space at Golden Park; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the lease renewal is to operate and maintain an existing telecommunications tower that provides cellular telephone service to the area; and,

**WHEREAS**, the lease renewal period will be through May 31, 2029; and,

**WHEREAS**, the lease renewal will provide the City \$9,125.25 in rent per year for the term; and,

**WHEREAS**, the SBA Towers VI, LLC has agreed to the excess easement change.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a lease amendment and renewal through May 31, 2029 with SBA Towers VI, LLC for the purpose of leasing space at Golden Park to operate and maintain an existing telecommunications tower.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Hickey voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor House voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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



**File Attachments for Item:**

A. Jail Update - Drale Short, Director, Public Works

# Muscogee County Jail

Presented by:  
Drale Short  
Director of Public Works  
06/04/2024

# Muscogee County Jail Short-Term Recommendations

- Contents:
  - CGL - Maintenance Cost
  - Gilbane Repair Cost
  - Recommendations

# CGL COMPANIES

- CGL is the Georgia Statewide Contract holder for Facility Maintenance Services.
- 30 years of experience in Facility Maintenance and Preventative Maintenance Programs.
- Currently managing the maintenance for 25M sf of facilities.
- Has over 400 plus staff working in facilities in Georgia and across the United States.

# CGL COMPANIES

- Benefits:
  - Provide preventative maintenance and repairs for all building systems and equipment.
  - Provide Energy Management
  - Offer computerized maintenance management and reporting
  - On-site staff/route services/emergency services.

By partnering with CGL will improve our building performance and will substantially reduce our annual maintenance cost.



# CGI Companies Systems Included

- HVAC Systems/Chillers/Boilers – Preventative Maintenance & Inspections.
- Kitchen Appliances – Preventative Maintenance
- Fire Life Safety Equipment/Elevators/Kitchen Hoods – Preventative Maintenance & Annual Certifications
- Generators – Preventative Maintenance & Load Testing
- Water Treatment – Chillers, Boilers, & Associated Piping
- Pest Control – Serv & Treatment

# CGL Companies Systems Included -Cont.

Item #A.

- Cooling tower - Quarterly & Annual Preventative Maintenance
- Laundry Equipment - Preventative Maintenance
- All Centrifugal and Circulating Pumps - Preventative Maintenance
- Plumbing Fixtures & associated piping
- Sewage Grinder - Preventative Maintenance
- Transfer Switch - Preventative Maintenance

# CGI Companies

## Preventative Maintenance:

Item #A.

- Records Court Bldg
  - Muscogee County Jail
  - Muscogee County  
Prison
- 
- Estimated Annual Cost:  
**\$1,500,000.**
  - **Cost does NOT include  
equipment/material  
cost**
  - **Cost is for Mon-Fri.  
Anything outside this  
time is billed at time  
and a half.**
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- CGI will provide 7  
fulltime staff with  
Regional Oversight



# GILBANE REPAIR RECOMMENDATIONS

- Requested to do an assessment on what is currently needed to ensure life safety and security measures are within the guidelines of the Dept. of Justice.
- Gilbane is one of our current partners working with the Muscogee County Jail Project team to identify the best course of action for this facility.
- Has significant insight on the internal condition of the jail.

# GILBANE REPAIR REPORT

- Gilbane Repair Report is broken down into 4 categories:
  - Facility Repair/Maintenance
  - Operations
  - Security
  - Building Systems

# GILBANE REPAIR REPORT

- Category 1 – Building Maintenance
  - Building Façade
  - Roofing and Perimeter Copings
  - Acoustical Tile Ceilings
  - Security Glazing Replacement
  - Repainting

# GILBANE REPAIR REPORT

- Category 2 – Operations
  - Supplemental Space
  - Supplemental Staff
  - Visitation – move to fully remote/virtual visitation.

# GILBANE REPAIR REPORT

- Category 3 – Security
  - Video Surveillance System
  - DAS Communication System
  - Supplemental Cameras

# GILBANE REPAIR REPORT

- Category 4 – Building Systems
  - Leaking Pipes (Separate Contract \$126.00 – \$190.00 per hour)
  - Installation/replacement of Isolation Valves
  - Replace Lightning Protection
  - Surge Protection

# Gilbane Repair Recommendations

Description	Low Cost	High Cost
Sidewalk Scaffold with Lighting	\$ 44,352.	\$ 57,658.
Removal of Brick/Replace with Stucco	\$ 8,042,496.	\$11,354,112.
Fencing/Guard System/Perimeter Bldg B	\$ 14,488.	\$ 62,093.
Repair/Replace Existing Roof	\$1,014,774.	\$ 2,497,905.
Remove/Replace Ceiling Tile & Grid	\$ 345,413.	\$ 1,381,654.
Replace Security Glazing	\$2,800,000.	\$ 3,990,000.
Repaint Walls	\$4,605,512.	\$ 6,908,268.
Modular Units	\$ 700,000.	\$ 2,100,000.
Build Video Visitation Center	\$ 4,200,000.	\$ 7,840,000.
Single Camera Replacement	\$ 1,680.	\$ 7,000.
Replace Amplifier	\$ 10,000.	\$ 12,000.
Add Additional Cameras	\$ 168,000.	\$ 700,000.
Leaking Pipes	\$126.00 Per Hour	\$190.00 Per Hour
Valve Replacement	\$ 100,800.	\$ 168,000.
Replace Lighting Protection/Add Ground Loop	\$ 114,800.	\$ 170,800.
Add Surge Protection	\$ 42,000.	\$ 70,000.
<b>Total Low Cost/High Cost</b>	<b>\$ 315.</b>	<b>\$37,319,490.</b>

# Gilbane Recommended Repairs

- Gilbane Recommended/Estimated Cost:
  - **High: \$37,319,490.00**
  - **Low : \$22,204,315.00**
- This includes all recommendation life saving measures as well as security measures.



# Cost Summary

- Estimated Cost
  - Year 1 \$37,319,490
  - Contingency: \$ 500,000
  - Total Estimated: \$37,819,490
  
  - Year 2: \$1,500,000. (Maintenance Contract Cost)
  - Year 3: \$1,500,000.

\*All three years include an additional estimate of \$209,559. for the work order contract for pipe leaking repair at \$190.00 per hour.

# Recommendations

- Preventative and Standard Maintenance are crucial to the health of any building. We recommend funding be approved to hire CGL Companies for annual maintenance and preventative maintenance services as well as funding to contract Gilbane for the identified repairs.
- Estimated Combined/Total Cost Year 1:  
**\$37,419,390**

# QUESTIONS

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**File Attachments for Item:**

**DATE:** June 04, 2024

**TO:** Mayor and Councilors

**FROM:** Finance Department

**SUBJECT:** Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFOs

**June 7, 2024**

**Interactive Floor/Play System (Re-Bid) – PQ No. 24-0005**

Scope of Quote

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

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Bid Advertisement - Agenda Item**

**DATE:** June 04, 2024  
**TO:** Mayor and Councilors  
**FROM:** Finance Department  
**SUBJECT:** Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

**June 7, 2024**

**1. Interactive Floor/Play System (Re-Bid) – PQ No. 24-0005**

Scope of Quote

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

**File Attachments for Item:**

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

Budget Review Committee, May 7, 2024

~~ MINUTES ~~

**BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE**



Councilor Judy W. Thomas – Chairperson  
Councilor Tyson Begly- Vice Chairperson

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

Councilors: Councilor District 1 Seat (Vacant), Joanne Cogle,  
Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett,  
Bruce Huff and Toyia Tucker

May 7, 2024 / 9:00 AM /  
Council Chambers  
C. E. “Red” McDaniel City Services Center - Second Floor  
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, Georgia 31906

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Judy W. Thomas

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Judy W. Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen (arrived at 9:24 a.m.), and Councilors Joanne Cogle (arrived at 9:20 a.m.), Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, and Toyia Tucker. Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III, City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Deputy City Managers Lisa Goodwin and Pamela Hodge, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Finance Director Angelica Alexander, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem Tameka Colbert.

**ABSENT:** Councilors: Bruce Huff and Tyson Begly were absent.

**AGENDA**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. FY24 Budget Overview - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director
2. FY24 Healthcare Update - Tammi Starkey, NFP Benefits Consultant

3. Infrastructure Update – Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager
4. Sheriff’s Office – Greg Countryman, Sheriff
5. Muscogee County Prison – Herbert Walker, Warden

Chairperson Thomas opened the meeting by expressing words of comfort to the community regarding the death of District Attorney Stacey Jackson. She said he was appointed as District Attorney in 2022 by Governor Brian Kemp. She spoke of how well Mr. Jackson was respected and loved in the community and said he was a tremendous asset to the City of Columbus. She said on the day of his funeral, all flags at city government buildings will be flown at half mass in his honor. She then requested a moment of silence in honor of Assistant District Attorney Jackson.

After sharing in a moment of silence in honor of District Attorney Jackson, Chairperson Thomas read Section 7.401 of the Charter.

**Mayor Henderson FY 24 Budget Review Meeting Opening Statement:**

Mayor Henderson thanked the Budget Review Committee. He said ultimately the budget is decided by the Budget Review Committee and historically the Council has done a terrific job in weighing all the needs of the city government. He said several department heads came forward with their requests and every one of them is justified in the things that they are asking for. He said 95 individual positions have been added to the FY25 budget and with those additions, there will be a little over 104 days of fund balance remaining. He said there was an additional \$250,000 added to the Crime Prevention Grants this year. He said any personnel adjustments would have to be offset by either budget neutral moves within the department or the Council would have to identify an area to cut.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley’s FY 24 Budget Review Meeting Opening Statement:**

City Manager Hugley provided a brief explanation of the budget process. He made reference to the 95 positions included in the Mayor’s proposed budget and indicated that 8.8 million dollars of the fund balance from the general fund and economic development fund was used to balance the operating budget. He said the Mayor’s Proposed FY25 Budget provides citizens with vital quality services and amenities within the confines of the limited resources without draining the long-term reserves of CCG. He pointed out that there is only one proposed major fee adjustment, which is for residential waste collection. He said there are no changes to the total millage rate in the FY25 Budget.



## **FY25 BUDGET REVIEW SCHEDULE**

Before providing the FY25 Recommend Budget Overview, Finance Director Alexander provided the FY25 Budget Review Meeting schedule as well as the add/delete list. She said there is currently one item on the list. She said there is a correction that should have been included in the budget; it was a correction of some pay grades for the Appraisal Technicians in the Tax Assessors Office. She said these positions were not included due to an internal oversight. She said there were (2) Appraisal Technicians where the grades for those positions were recommended by Evergreen, which is the consultant that was utilized to implement the current pay and compensation plan. She said the recommendation was for the Appraisal Technicians positions to be adjusted from a G113 to G115 and that the Senior Appraisal Technicians be adjusted from a G114 to G116. She said the value of these adjustments is \$11,233 or .02 reserve days. She said the beginning balance of the reserve days was 103.83 days and with this adjustment it would bring the balance to 103.81 days.

DATE	TIME		
April 30, 2024			Presentation of the FY2025 Mayor's Recommended Budget
May 7, 2024	9 a.m - 3 p.m.	Budget Review Meeting	Overview, Department/Agency Presentations, Health Care Update
May 14, 2024	12 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Immediately following Council Meeting	Department/Agency Presentations
May 21, 2024	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Budget Review Meeting	Department/Agency Presentations, Add/Delete List
May 28, 2024			Advertise FY25 Budget and Taxpayer Bill of Rights Public Hearings for June 4th
June 4, 2024	9 a.m		1st Taxpayer Bill of Rights Public Hearing at 9 a.m.
	6 p.m.	Regular Council Meeting	2nd Taxpayer Bill of Rights Public Hearing at 6 p.m., 1st Reading of the Budget Ordinance
			Advertise 5 year Tax Millage History and 3rd Taxpayer Bill of Rights Public Hearing for June 11th
June 11, 2024	9 a.m.	Regular Council Meeting	3rd Taxpayer Bill of Rights Public Hearing, 2nd Reading of the Budget Ordinance, 1st Reading of the Millage Ordinance
June 18, 2024	9 a.m.	Regular Council Meeting	2nd Reading of the Millage Ordinance

### **BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #1**

#### **FY25 RECOMMENDED BUDGET OVERVIEW:**

Finance Director Angelica Alexander provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *FY25 Recommended Budget*. \*A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office.

#### **FY25 Recommended Budget**

##### **Agenda**

- Budget Process/Schedule
- Overview
  - Operating Funds Summary (including Capital/CIP)
  - Agency Appropriations
  - Non-Operating Funds Summary
  - Other Local Option Sales Tax
  - Healthcare
- Department/Office Presentations

## Budget Process

- Submitted to the Council by the Mayor no less than 60 days prior to the start of each fiscal year.
- Includes operating and capital expenditures accompanied by revenues.
- Shall be accompanied by a budget message from the mayor containing policy, major changes, general summary, and other information deemed appropriate.
- Made public by advertising in the newspaper and hearings for public comment.
- Budget and Millage Ordinances along with related ordinances must be approved by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Budget Schedule

- May 2024
  - Budget Review Sessions
    - May 7<sup>th</sup> – Overview, Operating Funds, Agency Appropriations, Non-Operating Funds, OLOST, TSPLOST, Healthcare, Department/Office Presentations
    - May 14<sup>th</sup> – Department/Office Presentations
    - May 21<sup>st</sup> – Department/Office Presentations, Add/Delete List
- June 2024
  - Notices in the newspaper for public comment
  - Public Hearings for Taxpayer Bill of Rights
  - First and Second Reading – Budget and Millage Ordinances

## FY24 Operating Funds

- |                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| • Revenues            | \$ 353,525,379 |
| • Expenditures        | \$ 362,324,040 |
| • Use of Fund Balance | \$ 8,798,661   |
- Note: \$3 million of Fund Balance Total is due to the one-time capital purchases and economic development investments.

## FY25 Assumptions

- No change in the total Millage Rates from FY24
  - USD #1 = 16.07 mills
  - USD #2 = 10.09 mills
  - USD #4 = 9.19 mills
- 3% Increase in the Digest
- 99% Collection Rate
- No subsidy to Civic Center or Integrated Waste
  - E911 subsidy - \$679,840
- \$100k subsidy for Oxbow Creek, no subsidy for Bull Creek Golf Course

- Value of one mill (Operating) = \$5,779,077
- Value of one mill (Debt) = \$6,128,026
- COLA included of 2.0% for active employees and 1% for retirees effective July 2024 (excluding Elected Officials)
- Health Insurance – Continued contribution share strategy of 73/27 (was 70/30 prior to FY23) for active employees, Rates remains unchanged for Wellness Participation.

### Millage Summary

	USD #1		USD #2		USD #4	
	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
Total Gen and Urban	7.15	7.15	5.10	5.10	4.95	4.95
METRA	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82
<b>Total subject to cap</b>	<b>7.97</b>	<b>7.97</b>	<b>5.92</b>	<b>5.92</b>	<b>5.77</b>	<b>5.77</b>
Stormwater	1.24	1.24	0.20	0.20	N/A	N/A
Paving	3.44	3.44	0.55	0.55	N/A	N/A
Community Care	2.09	2.09	2.09	2.09	2.09	2.09
Economic Development	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Debt Service	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16.07</b>	<b>16.07</b>	<b>10.09</b>	<b>10.09</b>	<b>9.19</b>	<b>9.19</b>

### FY25 Recommended Operating Budget

- General 54.9%
- Other LOST 13.1%
- Stormwater 1.8%
- Paving 5.1%
- Community Care 3.3%
- Integrated Waste 4.2%
- E-911 1.3%
- Economic Development Authority 1.2%
- Debt Services 4.5%
- Transportation 7.0%
- Trade Center 1.1%
- Bull Creek 0.6%
- Oxbow 0.2%
- Civic Center 1.8%

### FY25 Revenues: Where does the money come from?

- Charges for Services 12.8%
- Fines & Forfeitures 1.0%

• General Property Taxes	27.7%
• Intergovernmental	5.7%
• Investment Income	0.4%
• Franchise Fees	5.5%
• Licenses & Permits	0.9%
• Miscellaneous	1.1%
• Business & Other Taxes	10.4%
• Sales & Use Taxes	27.5%
• Transfers In	4.5%
• Fund Balance	2.4%

### **FY25 Expenditures: Where does the money go?**

• Recreation & Culture	7.8%
• Public Safety	37.9%
• Criminal Justice	5.3%
• Statutory, Boards & Commissions	1.7%
• Capital Improvements	1.9%
• Non-Departmental	8.4%
• Debt Service	4.5%
• Mass Transit	6.9%
• Management Operations	8.1%
• Community Services	7.1%
• Public Works	10.4%

### **FY25 Operating Budget by Type**

• Personnel Services	54.6%
• Operating	36.6%
• Capital Outlay	6.2%
• COLA/Pay Adjustment	0.7%
• Capital Improvement Program (CIP)	1.9%

### **General Fund**

• Revenues	\$191,575,880
• Expenditures	\$198,854,863
• Difference	\$7,278,983
• General Fund accounts for normal “day to day” activities (i.e. Police, Fire, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, courts, etc.) Primarily funded from sales tax, property taxes and franchise fees.	

- Personnel
  - New/Restore/Transfer Addition
    - Manager – Marketing Coordinator G123
    - City Finance – (3) License & Tax Clerk G115
    - Finance – Administrative Assistant G115
    - Finance – Revenue Auditor G121
    - Finance – Revenue Analyst G123
    - Finance – Purchasing Analyst G123
    - Finance – Assistant Finance Director G132
    - Information Technology – Field Technician G115
    - Information Technology – Junior Network Engineer G124 (Eff Jan 2025)
    - Information Technology – Application Developer G124 (Eff Jan 2025)
    - Information Technology – GIS Coordinator G126 (Eff Jan 2025)
    - Human Resources – Human Resources Research Specialist G122
    - Human Resources – Training Coordinator G118
    - Public Works – (3) Animal Control Officer G116
    - Public Works – Cruelty Investigator G117
    - Public Works – Maintenance Worker I – Animal Control G114
    - Public Works – Veterinarian G130
    - Public Works – Communications Officer G113
    - Public Works – Maintenance Worker I – Cemeteries G114
    - Public Works – (2) Plumber I G119
    - Public Works – (2) HVAC Technician I G119
    - Public Works – (2) Electrician I G119
    - Public Works – Carpenter I G119
    - Parks & Rec – (5) Park Ranger PS1
    - Parks & Rec – Chief Park Ranger PS5
    - Parks & Rec – (4) Park Maintenance Worker I G114
    - Parks & Rec – (2) Rec Program Specialist G117
    - Parks & Rec – (2) Athletic Program Specialist G117
    - Parks & Rec – Marina Technician G111
    - Parks & Rec – (2) Park Maintenance Worker I G114 (Aquatics)
    - Tax Assessor – (2) Appraisal Technician G115
    - Police – Mental Health Co-Responder G124
    - Police – Firearms Examiner G127
    - Police – Crime Scene Investigator G119
    - Fire/EMS – (21) Firefighter/EMT F1
    - Fire/EMS – EMS Billing Program Coordinator G120 (Transferred from Finance)
    - MCP – Sergeant C4
    - MCP – Lieutenant C5
    - MCP – Captain C6
    - MCP – Accounting Technician G115
    - Homeland Security – Emergency Management Specialist G118
    - Municipal Court Judge – Deputy Clerk II G115
    - Municipal Court Judge – Support Clerk II G111

- Sheriff – Major PS7
- Tax Commissioner – Technology Support Analyst G123
- Coroner – Forensic Transport Driver G116
- Reclassification/Career Ladder/Pay Adjustment
  - Mayor – (3) Forensic Auditor G126-1 to (3) Forensic Auditor G126-7
  - City Manager – PT Support Clerk – Mail Room G111 to FT Support Clerk – Mail Room G111
  - City Manager – Print Shop Technician G115 to Administrative Assistant – Communications G115 (Title Change Only)
  - City Manager – CSC Technician I G113 to Senior CSC Administrative Technician G115
  - City Manager – CSC Technician I G113 to Senior CSC Technician Trainer G115
  - City Manager – (3) CSC Technician I G113 to (3) CSC Technician II G114
  - Finance – Accounts Payable Technician I G115 to Accounts Payable Technician II G117
  - Finance – (2) Collection Technician I G115 to (2) Collection Technician II G117
  - Finance – License & Tax Clerk I G115 to Senior License & Tax Clerk G118
  - Finance – License & Tax Clerk II G117 to Senior License & Tax Clerk G118
  - Information Technology – PT Administrative Assistant – I.T. G115 to FT Administrative Assistant – I.T. G115
  - Human Resources – Training & Development Coordinator G123 to Training & Development Manager G124
  - Inspections & Codes – Building Inspector II G121 to Senior Building Inspector G122
  - Inspections & Codes – Chief Inspector G127 to Chief Inspector G128
  - Inspections & Codes – Code Enforcement Manager I G126 to Code Enforcement Manager II G127
  - Tax Assessor – (5) Board Members Annual Supplement Increase from 5,720 to \$6,300
  - Tax Assessor – (2) Appraisal Technician G113 to (2) Appraisal Technician G115
  - Tax Assessor – (2) Senior Appraisal Technicians G114 to (2) Senior Appraisal Technician G116
  - Elections – Elections Operations Manager G122-2 to Elections Operations Manager G122-21
  - Elections – Technician II G117-13 to Election Technician II G117-26
  - Elections – Technician I G115-4 to Election Technician II G115-20
  - Fire/EMS – Fire Payroll Technician G115 to Community Risk Reduction Educator G117
  - Superior Court Judges – (7) Judicial Assistants Annual Supplement Increase from 10,000 to \$11,000

- Superior Court Clerk – (4) Deputy I G113 to (4) Deputy Clerk II G115
- Municipal Court Clerk – Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk G122-4 to Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk G122-9
- Municipal Court Clerk – Senior Deputy Clerk G117-4 to Senior Deputy Clerk G117-7
- Municipal Court Clerk – Deputy Clerk II G115-4 to Deputy Clerk II G115-7
- Municipal Court Clerk – Deputy Clerk II G115-1 to Deputy Clerk II G115-4
- Probate Court – Senior Deputy Clerk G117 to Law Clerk/Fiduciary Compliance Officer G123-21
- Sheriff – Administrative Coordinator G117-13 to Executive Assistant G124-15
- Sheriff – Deputy Sheriff PS1 to Sheriff Captain PS6
- Sheriff – (8) Deputy Sheriff PS1 to (8) Correctional Officer C1
- Sheriff – (24) Correctional Officer C1 to (24) Senior Correctional Officer C2
- Tax Commissioner – (3) Tax Clerk II G117 to (3) Tax Clerk III G119
- Tax Commissioner – Accounting Operations Administrator G127-4 to Accounting Operations Administrator G127-12
- Recorder’s Court – (2) Recorder’s Court Judge Pro Tem Annual Salary Increase from \$115,140 to \$120,000
- Recorder’s Court – Chief Recorder’s Court Judge Annual Salary Increase from \$121,200 to \$130,000
- Recorder’s Court – Chief Clerk of Recorder’s Court G126-14 to Chief Clerk of Recorder’s Court G124-21
- Reclassification/Career Ladder/Pay Adjustment
  - Finance – Collections Supervisor G120 (Transferred to Fire/EMS)
  - Elections – Elections Technician G115
  - Sheriff – (3) Deputy Sheriff PS1
- Capital/CIP = \$1,542,302
  - Information Technology
    - (1) Ford Explorer (replacement) - \$39,900
  - Inspections & Codes
    - (4) 55" Digital Plan Review Monitors - \$34,000
    - (1) 43" Digital Plan Review Monitor - \$4,400
    - (1) Ford Explorer (replacement) - \$43,575
    - (3) Mid-Size w/extended cab (replacement) - \$91,350
    - (10) Two Way Radios - \$56,723
    - (10) Bullet Proof Vests - \$9,000
    - (10) Body Cameras - \$13,500
  - Planning
    - (1) 55" iPlan Tables Flat Sit-Stand Desk - \$8,500
    - (1) 65" iPlan Wallmount Monitor - \$10,500
    - (1) 49" iPlan Desktop Commander - \$4,400

- Engineering
  - (2) F150 Crew Cab 2-WD (replacement) - \$92,400
  - (1) Earthcam Mobile Trailer with High Resolution Camera (replacement) - \$41,400
- Public Works
  - (1) Ford Explorer - \$39,900
  - (1) Fuel Tank Sump Pumps - \$30,000
  - (1) Car Wash Upgrade - \$40,000
  - (1) Paint Booth - \$19,500
  - (1) Walk-In Freezer - \$50,000
  - (2) Zero Turn Mower - \$11,000
  - (2) Scagg Stand on Blower - \$13,000
  - (1) Inmate Van - \$63,000
  - (2) 15 Passenger Van - \$121,800
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- Parks & Recreation
  - (16) Zero Turn Mowers (replacement) - \$160,480
  - (1) 14 Passenger Bus - \$114,300
  - (8) Commercial Treadmills (replacement) - \$32,000
  - (1) Audio/Visual Equipment - \$80,000
  - (1) Dock Bumpers (replacement) - \$25,000
  - (3) Full-Size Extended Cab F-150 - \$138,600
  - (26) Commercial Grade Pottery Wheels (replacement) - \$55,874
  - (2) Electric Kilns (replacement) – \$10,000
- Tax Assessor
  - (2) Ford Escapes (replacement) -\$77,700
- Recorder's Court
  - Courtroom Furniture (replacement) - \$10,500

#### REFERRAL(S):

- A request was made for information pertaining to Career Ladder Maintenance. (*Councilor Davis*)
- A request was made for a listing of personnel recommendations from recent audits. (*Councilor Davis*)
- A request was made for staff to provide information on the TAD funds regarding the baseball venue, the subsidy to Oxbow Creek Golf Course and the Economic Development Fund would like to see the funds available and the funds already allocated. (*Councilor Davis*)
- A request was made for a financial statement from the Development Authority. (*Councilor Davis*)
- A request was made for information on how much is available and what has been committed in the Economic Development Fund. (*Councilor Davis*)



### General Fund – Fund Balance

Reserve Days	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24 (est. projection)	FY25 (est. projection)
<b>Traditional Funds</b>	59.20	68.50	86.54	81.81	69.23	62.62
<b>OLOST Funds</b>	43.47	50.24	45.79	50.20	45.56	41.21
<b>TOTAL General Fund</b>	102.67	118.74	132.33	132.01	114.79	103.83

### Storm Water Fund

- Revenues \$6,602,311
- Expenditures \$6,602,311
- Difference \$0
- Stormwater Fund accounts for activities restricted for stormwater and drainage. Primarily funded from property taxes.
- Millage Rate remains the same at 1.24 for USD #1 and 0.20 for USD #2.
- Personnel
  - No Adjustments
- Capital = \$648,104
  - Engineering = \$100,244
    - (1) Ford Explorer (Replacement) - \$43,575
    - (5) iPads - \$6,269
    - (1) F150 4WD - \$50,400
  - Public Works = \$1,087,937
    - 3 Eductor Trucks via GMA Lease Purchase Program (replacement) = \$540,077
    - Mini Excavator (replacement) = \$75,000
    - Full-Size F350 Herbicide Truck (replacement) = 120,000
    - 7 Yd Dump Truck (replacement) = \$193,260
    - Heavy Equipment Trailer (replacement) = \$17,000
    - Skid Steer Track (replacement) = \$12,000
    - Closed Cab Tractor w/ Bush Hog (replacement) = \$55,000
    - Flat Bed Truck with 12' Body = \$75,600
- CIP = \$432,880

### Paving Fund

- Revenues \$18,415,329
- Expenditures \$18,415,329
- Difference \$ 0

- Paving Fund accounts for maintenance and improvements to roads and bridges. Primarily funded by property taxes.
- Millage Rate remains the same at 3.44 in USD #1 and 0.55 in USD #2.
  
- Personnel
  - No Personnel Adjustments
- Capital = \$1,163,220
  - Engineering = \$152,320
    - 40' Bucket Truck (replacement) - \$147,000
    - (2) iPad Pro (replacement) - \$5,320
  - Public Works = \$933,900
    - Tailgate Conveyor - \$15,000
    - 25 Ton tilt Trailer - \$62,000
    - 7 YD Dump Truck with Swing Gate – \$304,500
    - (5) Inmate Vans (replacement) – \$315,000
    - (2) 15 Diameter Self Feeding Chipper – \$180,000
    - 15 Passenger Van – \$60,900
    - Flat Bed Dump Truck with 10' Body – \$73,500
  
- CIP = \$0

**Community Care Fund**

- 2.09 mills projected at \$ 11,957,488.
- Community Care Fund accounts for funding health care services for medically indigent residents of Muscogee County to include certain services for inpatient and outpatient care for inmates at the Muscogee County Jail.

**Integrated Waste**

- Revenues \$15,307,047
- Expenditures \$15,307,047
- Difference \$ 0
  
- Integrated Waste accounts for refuse collection and disposal, recycling, and landfill operations.
- Residential Rate = \$21/month (\$18/month for FY19 – FY24)
- Operating budget includes debt service payment on new and existing capital leases for equipment (\$937,646 for existing leases, \$567,679 for new lease)
- Personnel
  - New
    - (2) Motor Equipment Operator III G121 (Parks and Rec)
  
- No CIP

**E911 Fund**

- Revenues \$4,714,478
- Expenditures \$4,714,478
- Difference \$0
- E911 accounts for telephone subscriber surcharges and collection for emergency dispatch. Primarily funded with landline, wireless and prepaid phone charges.
- Revenues include subsidy from Public Safety OLOST = \$679,840
- Personnel
  - New
    - E911 Director G130

**REFERRAL(S):**

- A request was made for the total amount in the Community Health Care Fund. (*Councilor Davis*)
- A request was made for staff to provide the steps and the process to implement a transient fee in addition to the integrated waste fee. (*Councilor Davis*)

**Economic Development**

- Budget = \$2,860,643
- Economic Development Fund accounts for 0.50 mills used for attracting quality companies, broadening the tax base, job creation and retention.
- Development Authority (0.25 mills) = \$1,430,322
- NCR / BC/BS project commitment = \$800,000 (Year 10 of 10)
- Dev Auth Robotics Initiative = \$150,000 (Year 2 of 3)
- 2025 Initiative = \$1,000,000 (Year 2 of 3)
- Chips4Chips = \$1,000,000
- Use of Reserves = \$1,519,678

**Debt Service Fund**

- Revenues \$ 16,154,724
- Expenditures \$ 16,154,724
- Difference \$0
- Debt Service accounts for accumulation and disbursement of principal and interest payments.
- Millage Rate remains unchanged at 0.83 mills.  
(FY22=.33, FY21=.34, FY20/FY19=.47, FY18=0.60, FY17/FY16/FY15=0.70, FY14=0.79)

### Metra Fund

• Revenues	\$ 25,297,579
• Expenditures	\$ 25,297,579
• Difference	\$0

- METRA Fund accounts for the operations of the public transportation system. Primarily funded from property taxes, federal and state grants, service charges, and TSPLOST.

- Personnel

- New
  - (4) Bus Operators (No-CDL) G116
  - Transit Supervisor G123

- Capital = \$15,399,706

(\$3,421,279 – FTA , \$5,096,826 – TSPLOST, \$1,407,601 – CARES/ARPA, \$5,000,000 – (CDS) Congressional Discretionary Spending), \$474,000 – Dial-A-Ride (Local)

### Trade Center Fund

• Revenues	\$ 4,065,743
• Expenditures	\$ 4,065,743
• Difference	\$0

- Trade Center Fund accounts for the operations of the facility. Primarily funded from event proceeds, beer tax (\$650k) and Hotel/Motel Tax (\$837k)

- Personnel

- No Personnel Adjustments

- Capital = \$246,751

### Golf Courses

- Bull Creek \$2,207,179
  - No General Fund Subsidy
  - Personnel Adjustments
    - Assistance Golf Professional I G105
  - Capital - \$0
- Oxbow Creek \$654,842
  - General Fund Subsidy \$100,000
  - No Personnel Adjustments
  - Capital – \$0

**Note: Councilor Davis and Mayor Henderson left the meeting at 11:13 a.m.**

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**BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #2**

**HEALTHCARE UPDATE:**

NFP Benefits Consultant Vanessa Stephens, provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *Columbus Consolidated Government FY25 Healthcare Budget Recommendations*. \*A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office.

**Recommendations**

- 1) FY25 Total projected Cost-3.77%
- 2) Pre-65 Retirees dependent coverage \$6.88 monthly increase for gold plan members
- 3) No increase in contributions for active employees to include the wellness plan and the non-wellness plan.

**REFERRAL(S):**

- A request was made to bring the Health & Wellness staff in for a presentation. (Councilor Thomas)

**FY25 RECOMMENDED BUDGET OVERVIEW (continued):**

**Civic Center Fund**

- Revenues \$ 6,412,136
- Expenditures \$ 6,412,136
- Difference \$ 0
- Civic Center Fund accounts for the operations of the facility. Primarily funded from event proceeds and Hotel/Motel Tax (\$1.67M)
- No General Fund Subsidy
- No Personnel Adjustments
  
- Capital = \$15,234

**Health Care Fund**

- Total = \$25,347,660
- Continued contribution strategy of 73/27 for active employees (was 70/30 prior to FY23)
- No premium increases for 2025 with wellness incentive option.
- Options/adjustments to be discussed by benefits consultant, NFP.

### Risk Management Fund

- Total = \$7,204,360
- Risk Management Fund accounts for general liability, vehicle claims and worker's compensation.
- Using \$3.5 million Worker's Compensation Reserves

### CDBG Fund

- Revenues \$1,666,654
- Expenditures \$1,666,654
- Difference \$ 0
- CDBG Fund accounts for grant monies received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Community Development Block Grant Program.
- Personnel
  - No Personnel Adjustments

### Agency Appropriations

	FY24	FY25
River Valley Regional	\$205,617	\$206,998
New Horizons	\$144,932	\$144,932
Health Department Services	\$502,012	\$502,012
DFACS	\$41,500	\$41,500
Airport Commission	\$40,000	\$40,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$934,061</b>	<b>\$935,442</b>

### Non-Operating Funds

- Funds not for the general operations of the government
  - Restricted for a specific purpose
  - Must be budgeted annually
  - Each maintained in a separate fund
- Urban Development Action Grant \$15,000
  - HOME Program \$1,230,820
  - Multi-Governmental Grants \$8,332,487
  - Hotel/Motel Tax Fund \$6,700,000
  - Police Forfeiture Fund \$100,000
  - County Drug Abuse Treatment Fund (DATE) \$170,000
  - Vice/Special Operation Forfeiture Fund \$300,000
  - County Penalty/Assessment \$1,800,000
  - Sheriff Forfeiture Fund \$100,000
  - TAD#1 – Benning Technology Park \$70,000
  - TAD#2 – 6<sup>th</sup> Ave/Liberty District \$1,600,000
  - TAD#3 – Uptown District \$2,500,000
  - TAD#4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave/City Village \$1,100,000

• TAD#5 – MidTown West	\$1,800,000	
• TAD#6 – MidTown East	\$170,000	
• TAD#7 – Midland Commons	\$295,000	
• TAD#8 – South Columbus River District	\$435,000	
• Law Library Fund	\$300,000	
• 2021 Sales Tax Proceeds Fund	\$47,000,000	
• Capital Projects Fund	\$25,315,801	
• TSPLOST	\$102,250,000	
• 1999 SPLOST Project Fund	\$4,601,557	
• Columbus Building Authority Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2003A		\$501,060
• Columbus Building Authority Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2003B		\$4,829,506
• Columbus Building Authority Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2018		\$130,000
• Columbus Building Authority Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2022A		\$3,288,740
• Columbus Building Authority Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2022B		\$105,457
• 2021 SPLOST Project Fund		\$46,692,791
• G.O. Sales Tax Bonds Series 2022		\$152,376,973
• Family and Youth Coalition Fund		\$52,500
• American Rescue Plan Fund		
\$29,407,196		

**OLOST FUND**

- Revenues \$47,300,000
- Expenditures \$47,300,000
- Difference \$0
- OLOST Fund is a sub-fund of the General Fund. However, sales tax proceeds are segregated with 70% of proceeds allocated to Public Safety and 30% allocated to Infrastructure.

**Core Objective:**

Funding the primary mission of Public Safety Departments within the Consolidated Government.

**Funding Priorities:**

Includes:

- Improve response time of emergency services.
- Increase Public Safety presence in community.
- Expand crime prevention programs.
- Improve non-emergency Public Safety services.
- Decrease length of time for adjudication of criminal cases.

**Definition: Public Safety**

Includes:

- Police Department
- Fire and EMS Department

- Sheriff's Office
- Muscogee County Prison
- Add'l Correctional Officers (Metra, Public Works, and Parks & Recreation)
- Coroner's Office
- District Attorney
- Public Defender
- Associated Court personnel
- Other Public Safety agencies, programs and functions

### **Public Safety Expenditures**

Includes:

- Personnel costs including salary and benefits.
- Personal equipment such as clothing, weapons, cars, etc.
- Operating expenses of Public Safety departments.
- Capital expenditures associated with Public Safety functions.
- Funding allocated and administered by the City for community-based programs designed to reach young children, at-risk youth, and those who are returning to the community after serving time in prison.

### **Definition: Infrastructure**

Includes:

- Roads and bridges.
- Storm water and flood abatement projects.
- Technology.
- Capital projects to include construction, maintenance and renovation of buildings and facilities to support quality of life improvements and to house governmental operations.

### **Infrastructure Improvements:**

Includes:

- "Pay as you go" projects that are funded from proceeds of current sales tax collection to include road resurfacing, park maintenance and improvements, and government facilities maintenance and improvements.
- "Long term" projects that are funded from bonds using sales tax proceeds to pay debt service to include major road improvements, flood abatement, and construction of facilities such as the City Services Center, Natatorium, and Ice Rink.

### **OLOST – Public Safety**

- Current Personnel
- Police Department
  - 12 Sergeants
  - 14 Corporals
  - 114 Police Officers
  - 9 E911 Technicians
- Fire Department
  - 20 Firefighters
- Muscogee County Prison
  - 4 Correctional Officers



- 1 Sergeant
- Sheriff
  - 25 Deputy Officers
  - 3 Sergeants
  - 9 Correctional Officers
  - 3 Lieutenants
- Crime Prevention
  - 1 Crime Prevention Director
- Solicitor General
  - 2 Asst. Solicitor Generals
  - 1 Deputy Clerk II
- District Attorney
  - 2 Asst. District Attorneys
- Juvenile Court
  - 1 Deputy Clerk II
- Clerk of Superior Court
  - 1 Deputy Clerk II
- Recorder's Court
  - 2 Deputy Clerk II
- Municipal Court Clerk
  - 4 Deputy Clerk II
- Probate Court
  - 1 Deputy Clerk II
- \$5,121 Annual Supplement for CPD, \$3,121 for other Sworn Public Safety Officers (excludes Elected Officials)
- E911 Subsidy = \$679,840
- 800 MHz Radio System Upgrade = \$842,490 (Year 10 of 10)
- Warning Siren Maintenance = \$104,376 (Year 9 of 9)
- Crime Prevention Grants = \$1,000,000
- Court Management System Annual SaaS/Maintenance Fees = \$1,086,864
- Debt Service for Existing Capital Equipment Leases = \$1,501,119
- Transfer for Debt Service = \$2,632,504
  - CBA 2019 Refunding Bonds \$124,635
  - CBA 2022C Revenue Bonds \$1,006,750 (Sheriff's Admin Building)
  - GMA Lease #4 \$52,988 (1 Fire Truck – FY16)
  - GMA Lease #9 \$346,897 (5 Fire Trucks – FY17)
  - GMA Lease #10 \$283,252 (4 Fire Trucks (refinanced #6) – FY17)
  - GMA Lease #17 \$696,970 (80 Pursuit Vehicles for Various Agencies – FY20)
  - GMA Lease #18 \$121,012 (1 Ladder Truck – FY22)
- Capital = \$3,130,495
  - Police = \$1,304,191
    - (10) Pursuit Explorers w/ Build Out – \$783,750
    - (120) GETAC Body Worn Cameras - \$299,410
    - (1) Axon Taser 7 Packages - \$115,435
    - (1) Plotter- \$7,236

- (2) Toughbooks - \$8,000
- (5) Cameras - \$10,000
- (1) Crash Data Retrieval Package- \$10,900
- (40) Rapid Response Riot Pack- \$32,000
- (3) Wireless Motorcycle Helmets- \$5,460
- (1) MRAP Ballistic Window- \$9,000
- (2) GETAC Video Systems-\$15,000
- (1) Sniper Rifle w/ Optics- \$8,000
- Fire/EMS = \$715,812
  - (144) Turnout Gear - \$322,700
  - (70) Helmets - \$51,450
  - Station Alerting System - \$240,989
  - (12) Breathing Apparatus - \$77,040
  - (1) OSCR Camera - \$13,208
  - (1) Forcible Entry Door Simulator - \$8,700
  - (1) Fire Extinguisher Trainer - \$1,725
- MCP = \$242,782
  - (1) Intercom System - \$59,782
  - Kitchen Equipment - \$183,000
- Sheriff = \$867,710
  - (1) Pursuit Tahoe w/ Buildout - \$82,575
  - (1) Pursuit Explorer w/ Buildout - \$78,375
  - (1) Ford F-150 - \$50,400
  - Axon Taser System (Year 4 of 5) - \$272,015
  - Axon Fleet Car Camera System - \$48,877
  - (20) Motorola Hand-Held Radios - \$104,000
  - Furniture for New Office - \$206,468
  - Repeater System -\$25,000

### **OLOST – Infrastructure**

- Roads/Bridges = \$1,200,000
- Flood Abatement/Stormwater = \$1,800,000
- Technology Improvements = \$750,000
  - Computer Equipment = \$400,000
  - City Fiber Upgrade = \$350,000
- Facility Improvements = \$2,525,927
- Debt Service = \$7,640,859
  - CBA 2019 Refunding Bonds = \$5,498,572
  - CBA 2019 Series A Bond = \$305,905
  - CBA 2024 Taxable Bonds = \$1,836,382
- 800 MHz Radio System Upgrade = \$260,480 (Year 10 of 10)

## TSPLOST

- Discretionary Project Funding = \$3,500,000
- Additional project information to be discussed during FY25 Infrastructure Update.

**Note: Councilor Garrett left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.**

### **BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #4**

#### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE:**

Sheriff Gregg Countryman came forward with the following requests.

#### **Request(s)**

- Increase of \$250,000 for \$200/day stipend for hospital work on off-day for Deputies
- Increase of \$300,000 for Reserve Deputy Funding

ADD LIST: Request for \$200/day stipend in the amount of \$250,000 (Councilor Tucker placed on the Add List.)

ADD LIST: Request for Reserve Deputy Funding in the amount of \$300,000. (Councilor Tucker placed on the Add List.)

### **BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #5**

#### **MUSCOGEE COUNTY PRISON:**

Warden Herbert Walker came forward with the following requests.

#### **Request(s)**

- Increase of \$20,000 for training and travel budget
- Increase of \$2,500 for base pay increase for MCP Sworn Officers
- Increase of \$300,000 for animal care training program

ADD LIST: Request for an increase in the training and travel budget in the amount of \$20,000. (Councilor Tucker placed on the Add List.)

ADD LIST: Request for a \$2,500 base pay increase for MCP Sworn Officers in the amount of \$346, 920. (Councilor Tucker placed on the Add List.)

ADD LIST: Request \$300,000 for animal care training program. (Councilor Tucker placed on the Add List.)

### **BUDGET REVIEW ADD-ON ITEM**

#### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:**

Assistant District Attorney Don Kelly came forward with the following requests.

#### **Request(s)**

- Increase of \$47,098 for (1) Legal Administrative Clerk G115
- Increase of \$201,560 for (4) Victim Advocate positions G117

ADD LIST: Request for (1) Legal Administrative Clerk G115 in the amount of \$47,098. (Mayor Pro Tem Allen placed on the Add List.)

ADD LIST: Request for (4) Victim Advocates G117 at \$50,390 in the amount of \$201,560. (Mayor Pro Tem Allen placed on the Add List.)

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

- A request was made for Finance Director Alexander and Assistant District Attorney Kelly to meet regarding the budget needs for the District Attorney's Office. *(Councilor Thomas)*

### **BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #3**

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT UPDATE:**

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *FY25 Budget – Transportation, Stormwater and SPLOST Projects*. *\*A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office.*

Deputy City Manager Hodge provided the breakdown for the FY25 Budget – Transportation of \$6,700,000; Stormwater - \$2,232,880 for pipe rehabilitation; SPLOST of \$24,728,500 for Pay As You Go Projects. She also provided a list of 2021 SPLOST Projects for the amount of \$400,000,000, as well as the FY25 SPLOST Allocation Pay As You Go Projects for Year 3.

With there being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Thomas adjourned the May 7, 2024, Budget Review Committee Meeting, at 1:42 p.m.

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Tameka Colbert  
Deputy Clerk Pro Tem

**File Attachments for Item:**

**. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

**PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

**Crystal Shahid**

*(Mayor's Appointment)*

**(Business Community)**

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

*This is a four-year term. Board meets monthly.*

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

**COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:** Ms. Jensen Melton was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2026

**COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:** Mr. Richard Mahone was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2028

**COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:** Mr. James Houston, Jr. was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2028

**KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:** Ms. Kara Brakefield was nominated to succeed Ms. Tracy Walton-King. *(Councilor Tucker's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2027

**KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:** Ms. Skyler Dexter was nominated to fill the vacant SD-29 seat. (*Councilor Tucker's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2026

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

**YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

District 2 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District 5 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District 4 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District 8 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:**

**Timothy Crabb**

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

**Richard Leary**

*Cols. Hurricane Rep.*

*Does not desire reappointment*

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

**Janet Bussey**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

**Bruce Samuels**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: June 30, 2022

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

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**Women: 1**

**Senatorial District 15: 5**

**Senatorial District 29: 2**



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

**2. MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

**A. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES’ BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

**Crystal Shahid**

*(Mayor’s Appointment)*

**(Business Community)**

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

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

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

**A. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

District 2 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District 5 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District 4 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District 8 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**A. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:**

**Timothy Crabb**

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

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

**Richard Leary**

*Cols. Hurricane Rep.*

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Term Expires: June 30, 2024

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

**Janet Bussey**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

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

**Bruce Samuels**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: June 30, 2022

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

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