

Council Members

R. Gary Allen
Charmaine Crabb

Travis L. Chambers
Glenn Davis

Simi Barnes
Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett
Toyia Tucker

Cathy Cook
Joanne Cogle

Clerk of Council
Lindsey G. McLemore



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

July 28, 2026
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S A G E N D A

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Chaplain Wallace Jackson – Fort Benning

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Zion Daise from Columbus High School

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the July 14, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. Proclamation: National Health Week

Receiving: Asante' Hilts, CEO of Valley Healthcare System, and Virginia Dickerson,
Vice Board Chair

3. Proclamation: Columbus Lions Day

Receiving: Columbus Lions Team

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

- 1. 2nd Reading:** An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 26-032 which provided the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2026 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)
- 2. 1st Reading:** REZN 05-26-0955: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at 3849 N Linden Drive (parcel # 087-028-012) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District.)Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes)
- 3. 1st Reading:** An ordinance amending Article XIV of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code to revise and modernize the Article; to adopt current state rules and regulations; to provide for a penalty for violations; and for other purposes. (Request of Muscogee County Board of Health)(Mayor ProTem)
- 4. 1st Reading:** An Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Columbus Code to rename and update the provisions pertaining to the Animal Services Advisory Board; and for other purposes. (Councilors Tucker, Crabb, and Garrett)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Kim Decker, Re: PAWS.
2. Mrs. Lauren Chambers, representing The Mill District, Inc., Re: 2nd Annual Community Dinner Event.
3. Mrs. Jennifer Smith, Re: Youth Development, Affordable Housing, and Resources.
4. Ms. Amy Spencer, Re: 287g Task Force Model in Muscogee County.
5. Ms. Mary Reynolds, Re: Proposed Data Center.
6. Mr. John Fitzpatrick, Re: A Motion, Second, and a Vote.
7. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: (1) Bus Route #6 Columbus State/Milgen Road, (2) Midland Commons, (3) Dial-A-Bus, and (4) Taxaition .82 Mills in USD#2.

8. Mr. Val McGowan, Re: Beer, Wine, Lottery, and Slot Machines.
9. Mrs. Kimberly Williams, Re: Trash and Leaves Pickup.
10. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Councilor Support of Legislative Agenda in 2027 and Conditions at Muscogee County Jail.
11. Ms. Pat Weekley, Re: Appreciation.
12. Mr. Ric Rivera, Re: Sheriff's Department.
13. Mr. Gregory Foster, Re: Muscogee County Residents – Civic Lesson.
14. Ms. Carolyn Weinbaum, Re: Noise Pollution in Columbus.
15. Ms. Monica Whatley, Re: Federal Government Deportation – Not Muscogee County's Role.
16. Mr. Corie Wilson, Re: Economical Plans.
17. Mrs. Christine DiFelicianantonio, Re: Community Response to Data Centers.
18. Ms. Andrea Atkins, Re: Civility and Transparency in Local Governance.
19. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: City Budget & Community Impact.
20. Mrs. Kim Hicks, Re: Data Centers.
21. Ms. Z Lawrence, representing Music and Entertainment Council, Re: Request for Council Consideration to Establish a Music Office or Public-Private Partnership.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Columbus Airport Commission & Development Authority Funding Support

Approval is requested to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Airport Commission and the Development Authority to support the economic development activities at the airport.

2. Columbus Airport Commission Funding Support

Approval is requested to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Airport Commission to support the airport operations.

3. Lease Agreement – 921 5th Avenue – First African Baptist Church Parking Lot

Approval is requested to enter into a lease agreement with First African Baptist Church to lease the parking lot at 921 5th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31901

4. FY27 Public Defender Contract

Approval is requested to enter into an agreement for Indigent Defense Services between the Circuit Public Defender Office of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and Muscogee County in the amount of \$2,826,718 from July 2026 to June 2027 and authorize monthly payment to Georgia Public Defender Council (GPDC) for said services in the amount of \$161,603.04 per month. The monthly amount includes \$1,846,892 for personnel services and \$92,345, a 5% administrative fee (The GPDC payment is included in the total amount of \$2,826,718).

5. PURCHASES

- A. Arts & Craft, Hobby and Recreational Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0024
- B. Customized Fleet Supply Chain and Parts Inventory Management AKA Integrated Business Solutions (Annual Contract) – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- C. Loss Control Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0011
- D. Stone Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0037
- E. Agricultural Chemicals (Annual Contract) – BuyBoard Cooperative Contract Purchase
- F. Integrated Transit System (Annual Contract) – Only Known Source
- G. Ten (10) Ford FPIU Explorers for Columbus Police Department– Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- H. One (1) Ford Explorer 4DR 4X4 (K8D) for Information Technology Department – Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase
- I. Contract Extension for HVAC Preventive Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0014
- J. Contract Amendment for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for SPLOST Fire Stations – RFQ No. 23-0002
- K. Contract Amendment for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for SPLOST Fire Stations – RFQ No. 23-0002

6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Compensation and Classification Study Update - Mark Holcomb, Project Manager, Evergreen Solutions

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

- 1. Honorary Designation Application:** Submitted by Mr. W. Greg Herring to rename the Boxwood Recreation Center to the “Jerry ‘Pops’ Barnes Center”. *(Request to forward to the Board of Honor for consideration.)*
- 2. Travel Authorization:** A travel authorization request for Councilor Simi Barnes to attend the 2026 National Foundation for Women Legislators Annual Conference in Nashville, TN.
- 3. Resolution:** A Resolution excusing Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen from the July 28, 2026, Council Meeting.
- 4. Resolution:** A Resolution excusing Councilor Toyia Tucker from the July 28, 2026, Council Meeting.

5. Minutes of the following boards:

Board of Tax Assessors #25-26

Board of Tax Assessors #26-26

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 06-08-26

Development Authority of Columbus 06-11-26

Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission 12-11-25

Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission 02-12-26 & 04-09-26

Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center 01-08-26, 03-12-26 & 05-14-26

Pension Fund, Employees Board of Trustees 03-11-26

Public Safety Advisory Commission, 2024 Minutes

Public Safety Advisory Commission, 2025 Minutes

Public Safety Advisory Commission, 06-19-25

Public Safety Advisory Commission, 01-16-26 & 02-19-26

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Vacant

Finance/Accounting or Governmental Rep.

Term Expires: June 30, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Mayor's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit: 3
Meetings:	Meets as needed.	
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15:
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29:

B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

Vacant

Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Mayor's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly	
Women:	2	Senatorial District 15: 4
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 5

C. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Vacant

(Business Community)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Mayor's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	4 Year	Term Limit: n/a
Meetings:	Monthly – 1 st Wednesday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 9
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 2

7. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):

Vacant

Uptown Business Association

Term Expires: January 31, 2029

Open for Nominations
(Confirmed by Council)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 2 nd Monday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 6
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29: 2

8. COUNCIL DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Vacant

Term Expired: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 1 – Barnes)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year (Mayor Appts); 2 Year (Council Appts)	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Quarterly – 2nd Thursday (March, June, September & December)	
Women:	3	Senatorial District 15: 7
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29: 4

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Vacant

Term Expired: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 2 – Davis)

Vacant

Term Expired: October 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(District 3 – Huff)

Vacant

Open for Nominations
(District 4 – Tucker)

Term Expired: October 31, 2026

Vacant

Term Expired: October 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3 rd Thursday	
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15: 5
Vacancies:	4	Senatorial District 29: 2

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 9 Nominee: _____

District 10 Nominee: _____

9. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant

(Georgia Veterinary Technician)

Term Expires: October 15, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(Animal Rescue Shelter Representative)

Term Expires: October 15, 2026

Recommendations are submitted by a licensed animal shelter.

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Note: *The Animal Control Advisory Board is currently developing recommendations for Council's consideration regarding the board's composition.*

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Semiannually	
Women:	7	Senatorial District 15: 3

Vacancies: 3 Senatorial District 29: 4

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:

Yasmine Cathright

Not Eligible

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	5 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 4 th Wednesday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 0
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 5

C. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 24, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit: n/a
Meetings:	As needed.	
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15: 1
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 3

D. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY:

Vacant

Term Expires: June 30, 2030

****Councilor Davis is nominating Stephen Hyles.***

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	4 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3 rd Tuesday	
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15: 3
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 5

E. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION (KCBC):

Vacant

Senatorial District 29 (SD-29)

Term Expires: June 30, 2029

****KCB is recommending Shanise Thomason.***

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

Senatorial District 29 (SD-29)

Term Expires: June 30, 2029

****KCB is recommending Stephanie Quinones.***

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Bimonthly – 2 nd Tuesday (Even Months)		
Women:	5	Senatorial District 15:	6
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29:	1

F. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Fernando C. Verdree

Eligible

(Certified Public Accountant)

Term expired: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

George C. McDowell

Eligible

Term expired: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Zach Lee

Eligible

Term expired: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	4 Year	Term Limit:	3
Meetings:	Bimonthly – 2nd Thursday (January, March, May, July, September & November)		
Women:	6	Senatorial District 15:	5

Vacancies: 0

Senatorial District 29: 5

G. NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD:

Sandra Gill

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Nancy Schroeder

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Judge David Ranieri

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: n/a

Meetings: Monthly – 2nd Monday

Women: 2 Senatorial District 15: 3

Vacancies: 0 Senatorial District 29: 1

H. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Vacant

(Alternate Member 1)

Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(Alternate Member 2)

Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(Alternate Member 3)

Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Delano Leftwich

Not Eligible

(Alternate Member 4)

Term expired: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3rd Wednesday		
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15:	2
Vacancies:	4	Senatorial District 29:	4

I. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION (PAC):

Rick Stallings

Eligible

Term Expires: August 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Gloria Thomas

Not Eligible

Term Expires: August 31, 2026

***Councilor Crabb is nominating Ralph King.**

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Twice a month – 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday		
Women:	3	Senatorial District 15:	6
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29:	3

J. REGION SIX REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

Dr. Janet C. Bussey

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Bimonthly – 2nd Wednesday (Odd months)		
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15:	3
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29:	1

K. TREE BOARD:

Vacant

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(Residential Development)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(Commercial or Industrial Development)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(Public Utility Representative)

Term expires: July 1, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year

Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Meets as needed.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 4

Vacancies: 6

Senatorial District 29: 1

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File Attachments for Item:

1. Approval of minutes for the July 14, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES**

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

July 14, 2026
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S A G E N D A

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Simi Barnes, Travis L. Chambers, Cathy Cook (took seat at 9:09 a.m.), Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:04 a.m.) and Toyia Tucker (arrived at 9:14 a.m.). City Manager Tyson Begly, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore, and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

ABSENT: Councilor Joanne Cogle and was absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1)

MA#3: Columbus-Muscogee County, GA Columbus Consolidated Government Emergency Management and Homeland Security PP; (2) MA#5: Internal Audit of Columbus Golf Authority PP (3) CM#2: 11th Street Viaduct Proposed Art

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) MA#5: Internal Audit

of Columbus Golf Authority PP; (2) MA#5: Audit Authorization Columbus Golf Authority; (3) CA#2: 6 Columbus State/Milgen Road (4) PA#3: Request for Zoning Change/Flood Zone Reevaluation; (5) PA#7: Alcohol License; (6) PA#10: Hyperscale Data Center; (7) CM#5: City of Columbus 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan & 2026 Annual Action Plan; (8) CM: Add-On Resolution

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Chaplain Matthew Miller, Fort Benning

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Abigail Logsdon from Double Churches Middle School

MINUTES:

2. Approval of minutes for the June 16, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried

unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

OATH OF OFFICE:

1. **SWEARING-IN CEREMONY:** The Oath of Office for Dr. Cathy Cook as the District Nine Councilor for the City of Columbus, Georgia. (Oath of Office administered by Superior Court Judge Benjamin S. Richardson and Probate Court Judge Marc D'Antonio)

NOTE: Councilor Cook took her seat at 9:09 a.m.

Councilor Cathy Cook expressed gratitude and humility upon taking office, stating that she was honored by the opportunity to serve the community. She acknowledged the legacy of past community leaders, thanked her family and supporters for their encouragement, and pledged to serve with integrity, humility, and wisdom while working collaboratively with her fellow Council members for the benefit of the community.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Department Overview – Chance Corbett, Director of Emergency Management & Homeland Security

Chance Corbett, Director of Emergency Management & Homeland Security provided Council with an overview of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department, highlighting its all-hazards approach to emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. He reviewed the department's partnerships, emergency planning efforts, training initiatives, grant-funded projects, public preparedness programs, and ongoing efforts to strengthen the City's emergency management capabilities and disaster readiness.

4. Award Presentation to Director Chance Corbett and Warden Herbert Walker

Councilor Tucker recognized Director of Homeland Security Chance Corbett and Warden Herbert Walker for receiving National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Awards. She commended Director Corbett for the department's emergency preparedness initiatives and recognized the Warden for innovative inmate education and workforce development programs aimed at reducing recidivism.

Warden Herbert Walker highlighted certifications offered in skilled trades, the prison's recognition for leading the state in inmate GED completions for the third consecutive year and emphasized the programs' role in preparing offenders for successful reentry into the community. He also introduced Pedro Cardenas as the new Deputy Warden of Security.

Deputy Warden Pedro Cardenas expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve in Columbus and to join the Muscogee County Prison team.

5. General Operational Audit Report for the Columbus Golf Authority – Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer

Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer provided an overview of the recently completed audit of the Columbus Golf Authority. She reviewed the audit process, scope, and methodology, indicating that the audit evaluated the Authority's governance, operations, financial position, assets, personnel, and administrative practices.

Internal Auditor Benjamin Meadow presented observations from site visits to Bull Creek, Oxbow Creek, and Godwin Creek Golf Courses. He highlighted facility maintenance and infrastructure needs, operational and administrative processes, and opportunities for improvements.

Internal Auditor Grant Conaway reviewed the audit findings, noting improvements in administrative operations despite recent staff turnover, increased demand at Oxbow Creek Golf Course, and opportunities to expand amenities and revenue-generating services. He also identified facility and infrastructure needs across the golf courses.

Internal Auditor Jonathan Smith presented four recommendations resulting from the audit of the Columbus Golf Authority. He noted that Golf Authority management agreed with the audit findings and recommendations.

Columbus Golf Authority Director Jim Arendt provided an update on the ongoing cleanup efforts at Bull Creek Golf Course following the April 2025 tornado. He explained that Public Works had assisted with removing large logs, but additional heavy equipment is still needed to remove remaining tree stumps and debris. He noted that staff prioritized making the course safe by removing hazardous limbs and leaning trees and have continued cleanup efforts as resources allow.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- A request was made to review and update the City's records retention schedule. (*Councilor Tucker*)

At the request of Councilor Tucker, **Stephanie Lair, a member of the Columbus Golf Authority**, approached the rostrum and stated that the audit addressed several questions raised by the Authority and would serve as a valuable resource moving forward.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made to coordinate repairs to the damaged fencing adjacent to Godwin Creek Golf Course and to have the Columbus Police Department's Homeless Outreach Unit engage with

individuals residing in the nearby encampment to assist with relocation to appropriate services.
(Councilor Garrett)

- A request was made to work with the Golf Authority to develop a phased funding plan for improvements to the golf courses. (Councilor Garrett)

RESOLUTIONS:

6. **Resolution (169-26):** - A Resolution authorizing a transitional audit of the Muscogee County Juvenile Court Office. (Requested by Juvenile Court Judge Amy C. Walters). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (26-035) - 2nd Reading:** An Ordinance providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for the public school system of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Proposed Amendment) (Budget Review Committee)

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge explained that delays in issuing tax assessment notices, resulting from changes in state law and software updates, prevented the City from meeting the timeline necessary for two installment payments. She recommended a single payment due December 1, 2026, for the current tax year.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to amend the ordinance to revise the tax payment schedule from two installments to a single payment due on December 1, 2026, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

2. **1st Reading:** An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 26-032 which provided the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2026 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties

for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Paul Olson

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin displayed the METRA transit service map and clarified that the Dial-A-Ride service is available to certified eligible individuals with disabilities within three-quarters of a mile of fixed bus routes. She advised that service areas expand whenever fixed routes are extended.

- Debra Jarsomkowski

3. **1st Reading:** REZN-04-26-0739: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6909 Buena Vista Road** (parcel # 115-008-029) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Delayed 30 days on 1st Reading from 6-9-26.)(Councilor Tucker) **DELAYED**

Councilor Tucker made a motion to delay the ordinance for 30 days on 1st Reading, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Tim Mason, Re: PAWS Humane. **Not Present**
2. Mr. John Fitzpatrick, Re: God Directed.
3. Mr. Moody Mitchell, Re: Delay on the flood zone changes for Miller Court.

Deputy City Manager Hodge outlined the ongoing FEMA map revision process. She stated that the Letter of Map Revision was submitted to FEMA in January 2026, that the City is currently addressing FEMA's comments through its consultant, and that the process remains subject to FEMA's review and approval timeline. She further explained that the City cannot issue permits within the designated floodway or grant variances until FEMA officially revises the flood maps.

4. Mr. Gregory Foster, Re: Georgetown Subdivision. **Not Present**
5. Mr. Bob Hutchison, Re: Tax Commissioner's Office Wait Time.

6. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Search for new CPD Chief and Participatory-Budgeting.
7. Mr. Carey Hall, Re: Zoning Matter.
8. Mrs. Kim Hicks, Re: Preserving Rural Life.
9. Mr. Robert Greyer, Re: Gallops Senior Center Repair Timeline.
10. Ms. Carolyn Weinbaum, Re: Water Pollution.
11. Mrs. Laketha Ashe, representing Still Standing Initiatives, Re: Columbus Fashion Weekend.
12. Mr. Mike Nash, Re: Proposed Hyperscale Data Center.
13. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: City Executive Leadership & Organizational Performance.
14. Ms. Jennifer Le Denney, Re: What Happens in the Absence of an ADA Compliance Officer?
15. Mr. Corie Wilson, Re: Community Trust in Elected Leadership. Preserving Rural Life.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc (CRK)

Resolution (170-26): - A resolution authorizing the execution of a memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the Columbus Consolidated Government (“CCG”) and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc. (“CRK”) to install, maintain, and operate trash traps at various locations for a period of one year with an automatic renewal. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

2. Public Art – 11th Street Viaduct

Resolution (171-26): - A resolution requesting approval to execute a memorandum of understanding between the Columbus Consolidated Government (the “city”) and Dragonfly Trails, Inc. (“DFI”) for a public arts project and approve the final design of the mural.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge presented photographs depicting the proposed public art for the 11th Street Viaduct. She explained that the installation would coincide with the planned milling and resurfacing of the viaduct while it is closed for construction.

Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

3. Advanced Air Mobility / eVTOL Funding

Resolution (172-26): - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to approve the utilization of up to \$2.2 million in TSPLOST Discretionary funds for the construction of an airside electric charging station and dedicated vertiport for the arrival/departure of eVTOL aircraft at the Columbus Airport. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

4. Disposition of Public Alleyway on the West Side of 12th Avenue, East of Southern Street

Resolution (173-26): - A resolution to sell city-owned property to adjacent landowner, Freedom Investments LLC, in accordance with section 7-501 paragraph 5 of the Columbus Charter, and to authorize the mayor or designee to execute all contracts, agreements and understandings related to the conveyance of city property. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

6. Minor Amendment to FY26 HUD Annual Action Plan Resolution

Resolution (174-26): - A resolution amending the title of resolution no. 111-25 to reference the fy26 annual action plan. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

7. Hazard Mitigation Grant – Four Emergency Shelters

Resolution (175-26): - A resolution to submit and accept, if awarded, a hazard mitigation grant funding from the georgia emergency management agency and homeland security, in the amount of \$618,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase and installation of four full-service generators at four ccg parks and recreation facilities for use as an emergency shelter, with a local match required in the amount of \$154,500.00 and amend the multi-governmental fund budget by the amount awarded. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

8. Firehouse Subs Grant

Resolution (176-26): - A resolution to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the amount of \$10,014.00, or as otherwise awarded, to support the acquisition of smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and educational materials, 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, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

9. FY2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program Grant

Resolution (177-26): - A resolution to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and city regulations, if awarded, a grant of \$250,000, or as otherwise awarded, FY 2026 Cops Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. Funds will be utilized for enhancing peer support, training, suicide prevention, stress reduction, clinical support, and other promising practices for wellness initiatives. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

10. DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program

Resolution (178-26): - A resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and city regulations, if awarded, a grant of \$300,000, or as otherwise awarded. DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program will be utilized to support law enforcement operations (including immigration law enforcement operations; combatting violent crime; supporting services to American citizens; protecting American children; and supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault). Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

11. Columbus Police Department: Family Fun Day Donation Acceptance

Resolution (179-26): - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept donated funds in the amount of \$2,500 from Steven Gouine, on behalf of the Columbus Police Department. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

12. Donation of Vehicles to the Columbus Police Department

Resolution (180-26): - A resolution to accept generous donations from Kia Motors of a vehicle for use on the Columbus Police Department Firing Range and a donation from Griffin & Griffin Towing

of a vehicle for use as a bait car. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

13. Columbus Police Department: K9 Unit Donation

Resolution (181-26): - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept donated funds in the amount of \$2708.68 from Three Dog Bakery, on behalf of the Columbus Police Department. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

5. 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan, 2026 Annual Action Plan, Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Study, and Citizen Participation Plan Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Resolution (182-26): - A resolution authorizing the filing of the 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan, 2026 Annual Action Plan, Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Study, and citizen participation plan with the u.s. department of housing and urban development (hud).

Deputy Director of Community Reinvestment Kimberly Mitchell explained that the City partners with United Way, Hope Harbor, and Enrichment Services to administer homeless assistance funding. She advised that \$80,000 is allocated annually to United Way for the HMIS program, with the remaining funds divided between Hope Harbor and Enrichment Services.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made to meet with United Way and community partners to discuss potential options for supporting the SafeHouse facilities and addressing their funding needs. *(Councilor Tucker)*

Jeremy Grey Mosaic Community Planning presented an overview of the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan, highlighting priorities for the use of HUD grant funding for affordable housing, community development, and homelessness services. He noted that the plans would be submitted to HUD following Council approval.

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

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

Liberty Theatre Cultural Arts Center Historic Structure Studies or Planning Grant

Resolution (183-26) - A resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of a grant from the Fox Theatre, in the amount of up to \$100,000, or as otherwise awarded, with a 50% local match required, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting

14. PURCHASES

A. Fuel Purchases for Fiscal Year 2027

Resolution (184-26): - A resolution authorizing payment for fiscal year 2027 fuel purchases awarded to the vendor submitting the lowest, responsive, responsible quote via the daily fuel quote process. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

B. Federal and State Mandated Fees for Fiscal Year 2027

Resolution (185-26): - A resolution authorizing payment for various federal and state mandated fees during fiscal year 2027. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

C. Drug and Alcohol Screening: After-Hours, Weekends and Holidays (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0007

Resolution (186-26): - A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with 4D GA Investments LLC D/B/A Fastest Labs of Columbus (Columbus, GA) to provide Drug and Alcohol Screening: After-Hours, Weekends and Holidays on an “as needed” basis. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

D. Contract Extension for Tree Removal & Stump Grinding/Removal Services (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0051

Resolution (187-26): - A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract for Tree Removal & Stump Grinding/Removal Services with Elite Tree Service, Inc. (Columbus, GA), through December 31, 2026. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor

Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

- E. Contract Extension for Heating & Refrigeration Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0047

Resolution (188-26): - A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract for Heating & Refrigeration Supplies with Refrigeration Supplies, Inc. dba Johnstone Supply #265 (Columbus, GA) through December 31, 2026. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

- F. Comprehensive Generator Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0023

Resolution (189-26): - A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract with Sudden Service, Inc d/b/a Taylor Sudden Service Inc (Bessemer, AL) for comprehensive generator services in the estimated annual contract value of \$231,775.00. The services will be procured on an “as needed” basis. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

14. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Juvenile Court FY26 Budget Update - Judge Thomas Tebeau

Assistant Finance Director Nicholas Clingscales explained that pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, Juvenile Court Judge Aaron Cohn requested approval to reallocate approximately \$112,000 from salary savings to the Court's operating budget to cover additional FY26 operating expenses.

Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the request to reallocate approximately \$112,000 from salary savings to the Court's operating budget to cover additional FY26 operating expenses, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting

- B. Dragonfly Trail Update - Becca Zajac, Executive Director of Dragonfly Trail Network

Becca Zajac, Executive Director of Dragonfly Trail Network provided an update on the Dragonfly Trails branding initiative. She presented the organization's refreshed logo and updated trail signage design.

- C. Infrastructure Update - Will Johnson, Director of Planning, Vance Beck, Director of the Engineering, Ryan Pruett, Director of Inspections & Code

Vance Beck, Director of Engineering, provided an update on ongoing transportation and infrastructure projects. He reported on the progress of each project and responded to a Council inquiry regarding the planned roundabout and traffic control features associated with the Veterans Parkway interchange, stating that he would verify whether a traffic signal was planned at the off-ramp.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR ENGINEERING:

- A request was made to notify affected residents of the upcoming project. (*Councilor Tucker*)

Planning Director Will Johnson provided an update on Transportation Investment Act (TIA) projects, reporting on the status of right-of-way acquisition, design, bidding, and construction activities for Band 1, Band 2, and Band 3 projects. He also announced upcoming public open houses noting that public notices would be issued prior to the meetings.

Inspections and Code Director Ryan Pruett provided a progress update on the John D. Allen Judicial Center. He reported that exterior construction is nearing completion, with landscaping scheduled to begin next month and substantial completion anticipated in September 2026. He also provided updates on several capital improvement projects.

- D. Pension Plan Design Options - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge presented an overview of the proposed pension plan design changes included in the FY27 Mayor's Recommended Budget. She summarized the consultant's review and benchmarking analysis, employee feedback, and recommended enhancements to the General Government and Public Safety pension plans. She advised that the proposed changes, if approved by Council, would become effective January 1, 2027, following the adoption of the necessary ordinances and administrative updates.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Review whether the proposed reduction in employee pension contributions from 8% to 6% for employees hired after July 1, 2012, may be implemented before January 1, 2027. (*Councilor Davis*)

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ADD-ON ITEM

Clerk of Council McLemore requested Council's approval to amend the April 8, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes to reflect revisions to the approval of Item No. 6 on the City Manager's Agenda for inclusion in the official permanent record. Councilor Tucker made a motion to amend the April 8, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. **Upcoming Board Appointments:** Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board *No Action Taken*
2. **Upcoming Board Appointments:** Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) *No Action Taken*

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

3. **Request for Declaration of Vacancy:** Memo from the Clerk of Council requesting that the seat of Taylor Martin, representing Senatorial District 29 (SD-29) on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (KCBC), be declared vacant. Councilor Crabb made a motion to declare the seat as vacant, seconded by Councilor Cook and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.
4. **Request for Declaration of Vacancy:** Memo from the Clerk of Council requesting the seats for representatives of Council Districts 2, 3, and 4 are declared vacant. Councilor Crabb made a motion to declare the seat as vacant, seconded by Councilor Cook and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.
5. **Resignation:** Memo from the Clerk of Council regarding the resignation of Tommy Nobles from his seat on the Columbus Golf Authority. Councilor Crabb made a motion to receive the resignation, seconded by Councilor Cook and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.
6. **Resignation:** Correspondence from Kristasia Heath, resigning from her seat as one of the representatives of Senatorial District 29 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (KCBC). Councilor Crabb made a motion to receive the resignation, seconded by Councilor Cook and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

7. **Resolution:** A Resolution excusing Councilor Joanne Cogle from the July 14, 2026, Council Meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cook and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

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

Board of Election and Registration 04-02-26 & 05-07-26

Board of Tax Assessors #22-26, 23-26 & 24-26

Board of Zoning Appeals 05-06-26

Columbus Convention and Visitor Board 03-18-26

Columbus Golf Authority 04-21-26 & 05-19-26

Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority 01-22-26 & 02-27-26

Crime Prevention Board 01-20-26 & 05-20-26

Development Authority of Columbus 05-14-26

Employee Benefits Committee 04-22-26

Hospital Authority of Columbus 05-26-26

Land Bank Authority 03-11-26

Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board 01-08-26

New Horizons Behavioral Health Board 05-11-26

Personnel Review Board 02-17-26, 03-18-26, 04-15-26, 05-20-26 & 06-17-26

Planning Advisory Commission 04-15-26 & 05-06-26

Retirees' Health Benefits Committee 09-18-25 & 11-17-25

Retirees' Health Benefits Committee 05-20-26

The Medical Center Hospital Authority 01-28-26

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

9. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a Finance/Accounting or Governmental Rep. on the Audit Committee that expires on June 30, 2027. *(Mayor's Appointment)* There were none.

B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority that expires on June 30, 2026. *(Mayor's Appointment)* There were none.

C. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

A nominee for a vacant seat with a term that expired on June 30, 2026, as a representative of the Business Community on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees *(Mayor's Appointment)*. There were none.

D. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council *(Mayor's Nominee)*. Clerk of Council McLemore announced that Mayor Henderson is nominating Lucy Wylie of St. Luke School to serve on the Youth Advisory Council. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

10. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:** Darlene Small was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2031. Councilor

Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

11. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Uptown Business Association*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2029, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Confirmed by Council*). There were none.

B. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Uptown Business Association*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2029, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Confirmed by Council*). Clerk of Council McLemore advised that Civic Center Interim Director Kanise Wiggins has recommended Robbie Branscomb to fill the vacant seat on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

12. COUNCIL DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 1 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 1 – Barnes*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 5 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 5 – Crabb*). Clerk of Council McLemore advised that Councilor Crabb is nominating Connie Smith to fill the District 5 vacant seat on the Community Development Advisory Council. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Paul T. Berry, III (*Not interested in serving another term*) for a term that expired on October 31, 2025, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 5 – Crabb*). There were none.

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the District 4 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 4 – Tucker*). Councilor Tucker nominated Jaydence Phippen of Kendrick High School to represent District 4 on the Youth Advisory Council. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the District 9 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 9 – Anker*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 10 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 10 – Chambers*). There were none.

13. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the vacant seat of the Georgia Veterinary Technician with a term expiring on October 15, 2026, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the Animal Rescue Shelter Representative with a term expiring on October 15, 2026, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:

A nominee for the seat of Yasmine Cathright (*Not Eligible*) with the term that expired on December 31, 2025, on the Board of Health (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

C. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expired on March 24, 2026, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

D. NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat for Sandra Gill (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2026, on the New Horizons Behavioral Health – Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities – Community Service Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat for Nancy Schroeder (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2026, on the New Horizons Behavioral Health – Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities – Community Service Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Judge David Ranieri (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2025, on the New Horizons Behavioral Health – Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities – Community Service Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

E. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Alternate Member 1*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Alternate Member 2*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Alternate Member 3*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Delano Leftwich (*Not Eligible – Alternate Member 4*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2025, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

F. REGION SIX REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Janet C. Bussey (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the Region Six Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health & Development Disabilities (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

G. TREE BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat (*At-Large*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2026, on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*At-Large*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2028, on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*At-Large*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2028, on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Residential Development*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2026, on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Commercial or Industrial Development*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2026, on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Public Utility Representative*) for a term that expires on July 1, 2028, on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

14. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: City Executive Leadership & Organizational Performance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate acquisition, potential litigation and litigation as requested by City Attorney Fay. Councilor Tucker made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Garrett carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilors Cogle being absent from the meeting, and the time being 1:28 p.m.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 2:17 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss real estate acquisition, potential litigation and litigation; however, there were no votes taken.

ADD-ON ITEM

City Attorney Fay requested Council's authorization for the law firm of Troutman Pepper to engage Troutman Strategies to investigate federal funding opportunities for a one-year period at a cost not to exceed \$99,000. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the authorization, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Skip Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the July 14, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting and the time being 2:18 p.m.

Lindsey G. McLemore
Clerk of Council
Council of Columbus, Georgia

File Attachments for Item:

1. 2nd Reading: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 26-032 which provided the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2026 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

Ordinance**No. _____**

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 26-032 which provided the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2026 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

SECTION 10 of Ordinance No.26-032 is hereby repealed and replaced with a new SECTION 10 to read as follows:

“SECTION 10.

The valuation of all property upon which taxes are herein above levied and assessed, and all tax liens, shall date and rank and become fixed as of January 1, 2026.

“Taxes shall become due on December 1 and delinquent if not paid before December 2. Interest shall immediately begin to accrue on any delinquent tax; a penalty of 10% of the tax due shall accrue on taxes not paid on or before December 21, 2026; and Fi Fa costs will be added, all as provided by Georgia law.

Where any person becomes liable for the payment to Columbus, Georgia of a tax on personal property for 2026, and between January 1, 2026 and September 1, 2026, such person is moving or about to move the personal property subject to such tax without the limits of Columbus, Georgia, the tax for said year on said personal property shall immediately become due, and execution shall be issued by the Tax Commissioner and levied by the Tax Commissioner instant, and said property advertised and sold pursuant to the provisions regarding sales for taxes due said Columbus, Georgia.”

SECTION 2.

The remainder of Ordinance NO. 26-032 shall remain in full force and effect as previously adopted on June 16, 2026.

Introduced at a meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 14th day of July 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 28th day of July 2026, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Anker	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

2. 1st Reading: REZN 05-26-0955: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at 3849 N Linden Drive (parcel # 087-028-012) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District.)Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes)

AN ORDINANCE**NO. _____**

An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3849 N Linden Drive** (parcel # 087-028-012) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District.

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

Section 1.

The Zoning Atlas on file with the Planning Department is hereby amended by changing the property described below from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District.

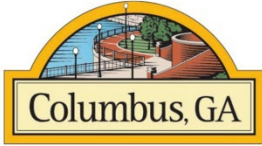
All that Lot or tract of Land Lying and being in Muscogee County, Georgia; being known and shown as All of Lot 4, Block A, of that certain Subdivision known as "Linden", as said property is shown on a survey recorded at Plat Book 4, Page 228, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 28th day of July 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
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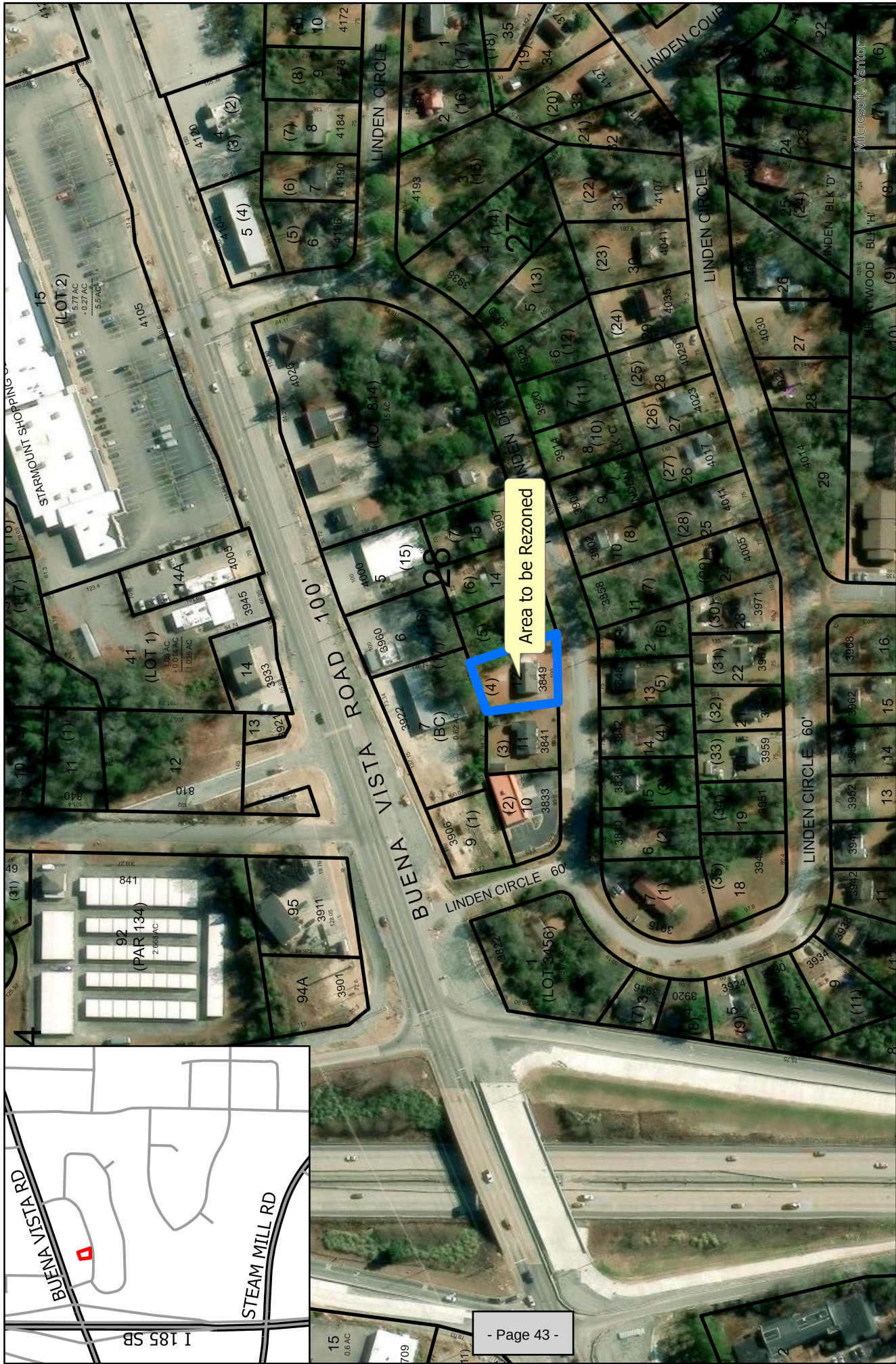
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Applicant:	Constance Kelley
Owner:	Constance Kelley
Location:	3849 North Linden Drive
Parcel:	087-028-012
Acreage:	0.29 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Neighborhood Commercial
Proposed Zoning Classification:	Single Family Residential 2
Current Use of Property:	Single Family Residential
Proposed Use of Property:	Single Family Residential
Council District:	District 1
PAC Recommendation:	Approval based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
Planning Department Recommendation:	Approval based on compatibility with existing land uses.
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
General Land Use:	Consistent Planning Area E
Current Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential
Future Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	Yes								
Environmental Impacts:	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.								
City Services:	Property is served by all city services.								
Traffic Engineering:	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.								
Surrounding Zoning:	<table> <tr> <td>North</td><td>General Commercial</td></tr> <tr> <td>South</td><td>Single Family Residential 2</td></tr> <tr> <td>East</td><td>Neighborhood Commercial</td></tr> <tr> <td>West</td><td>Neighborhood Commercial</td></tr> </table>	North	General Commercial	South	Single Family Residential 2	East	Neighborhood Commercial	West	Neighborhood Commercial
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South	Single Family Residential 2								
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Reasonableness of Request:	The request is compatible with existing land uses.								
School Impact:	N/A								
Buffer Requirement:	The site shall include a Category A buffer along all property lines bordered by the NC/GC zoning district. The 3 options under Category A are: 1) 5 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet. 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall. 3) 20 feet undisturbed natural buffer.								
Attitude of Property Owners:	Thirty nine (39) property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.								
Approval	0 Responses								
Opposition	0 Responses								
Additional Information:	Existing Single Family residence								

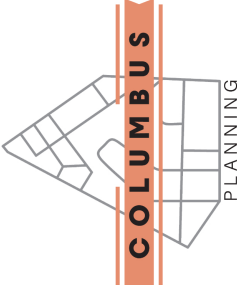
Attachments:

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



REZN 05-26-0955 : Aerial Map CCG Planning Department

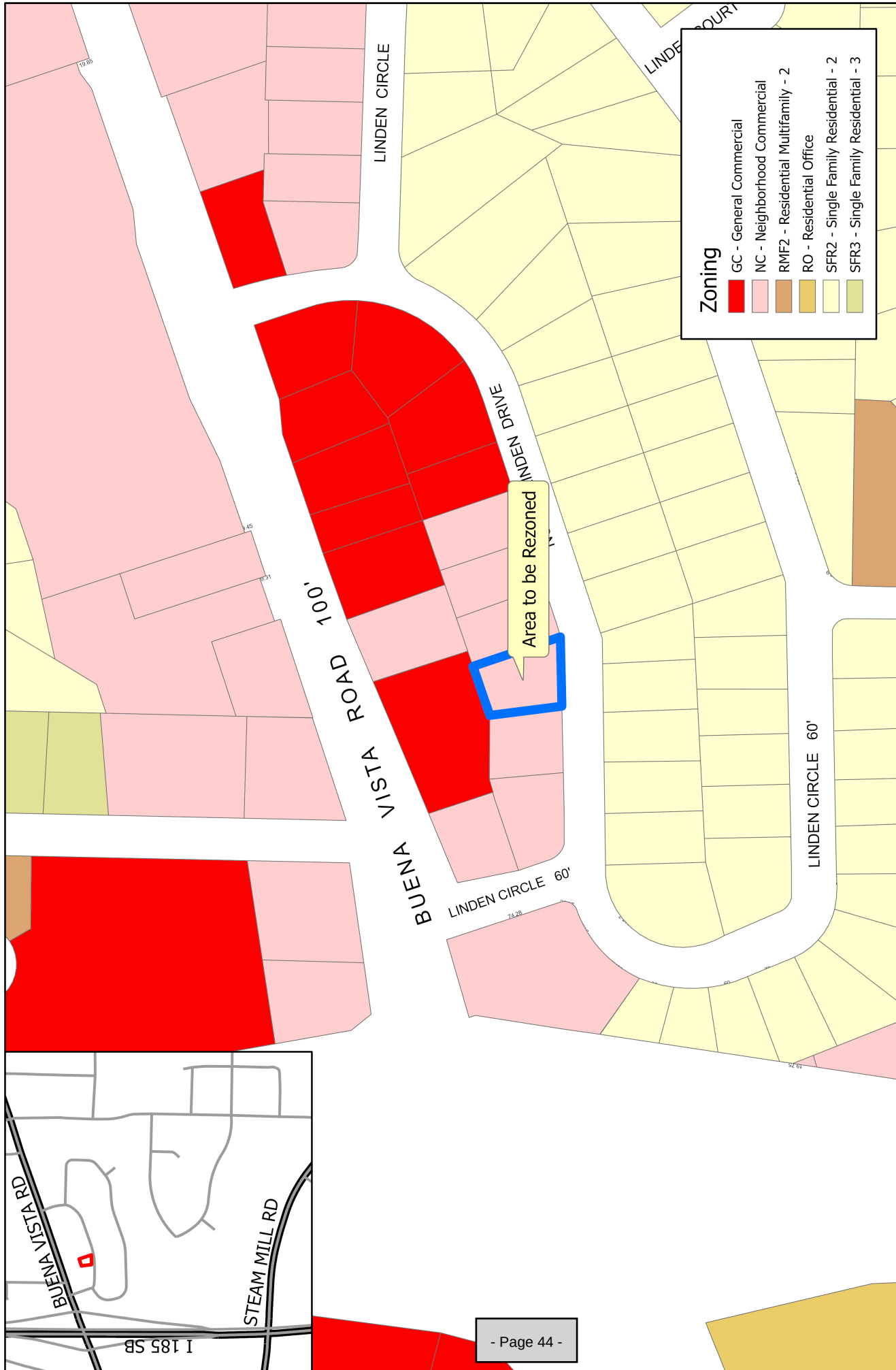
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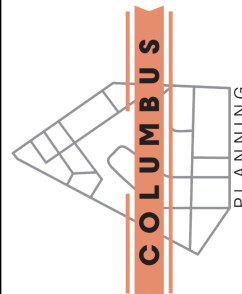
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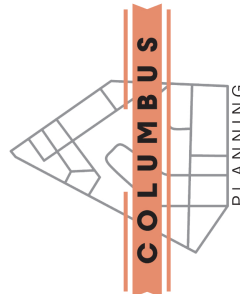
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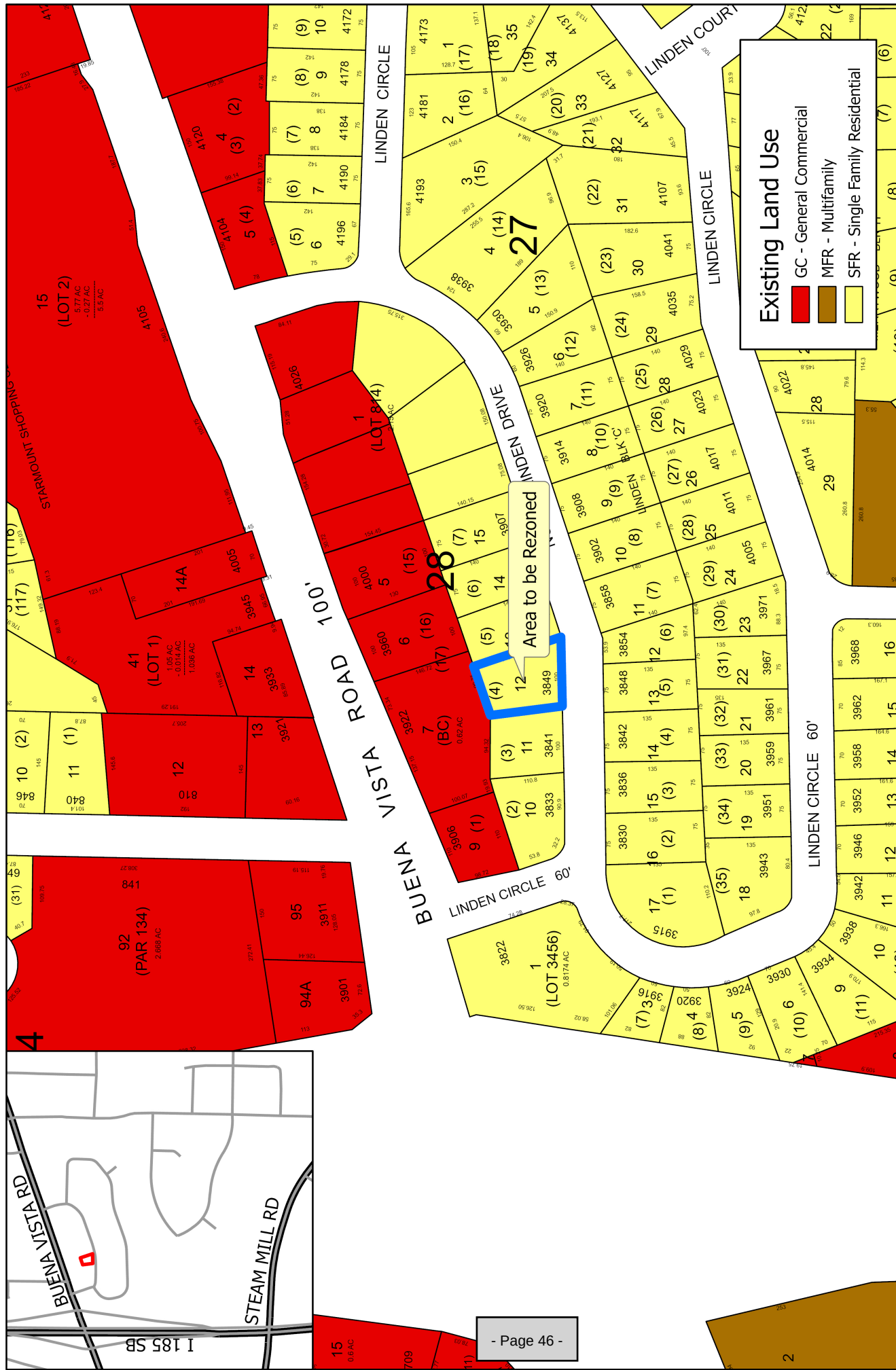


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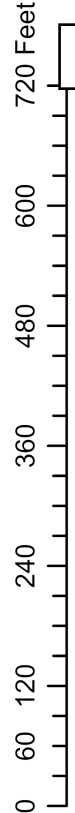
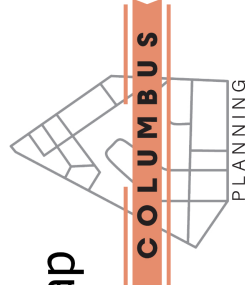
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REZN 05-26-0955 : Existing Land Use Map

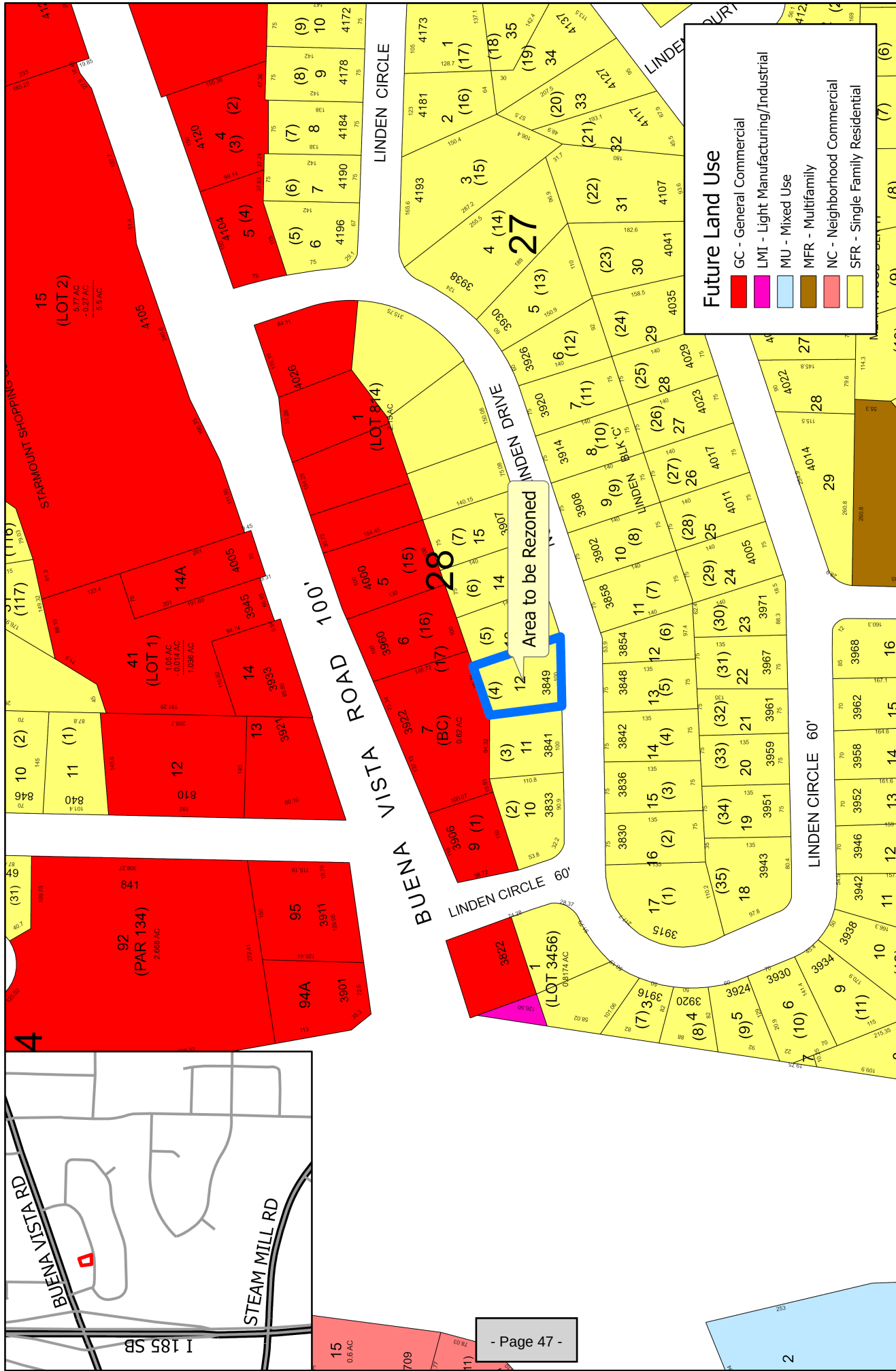
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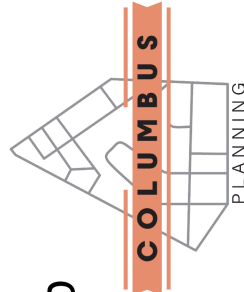
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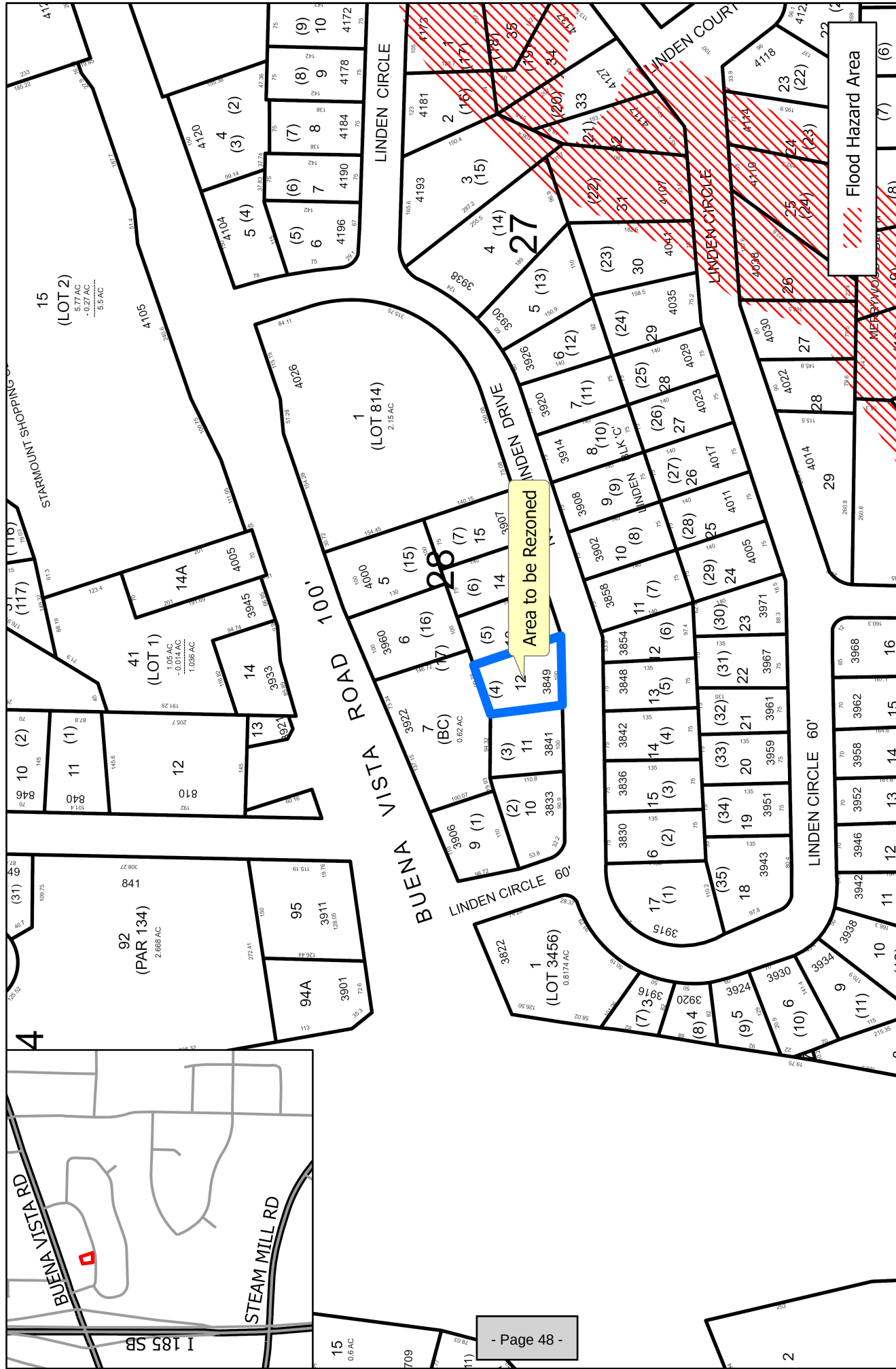


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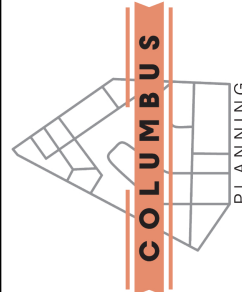
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REZN 05-26-0955 : Flood Hazard Map CCG Planning Department

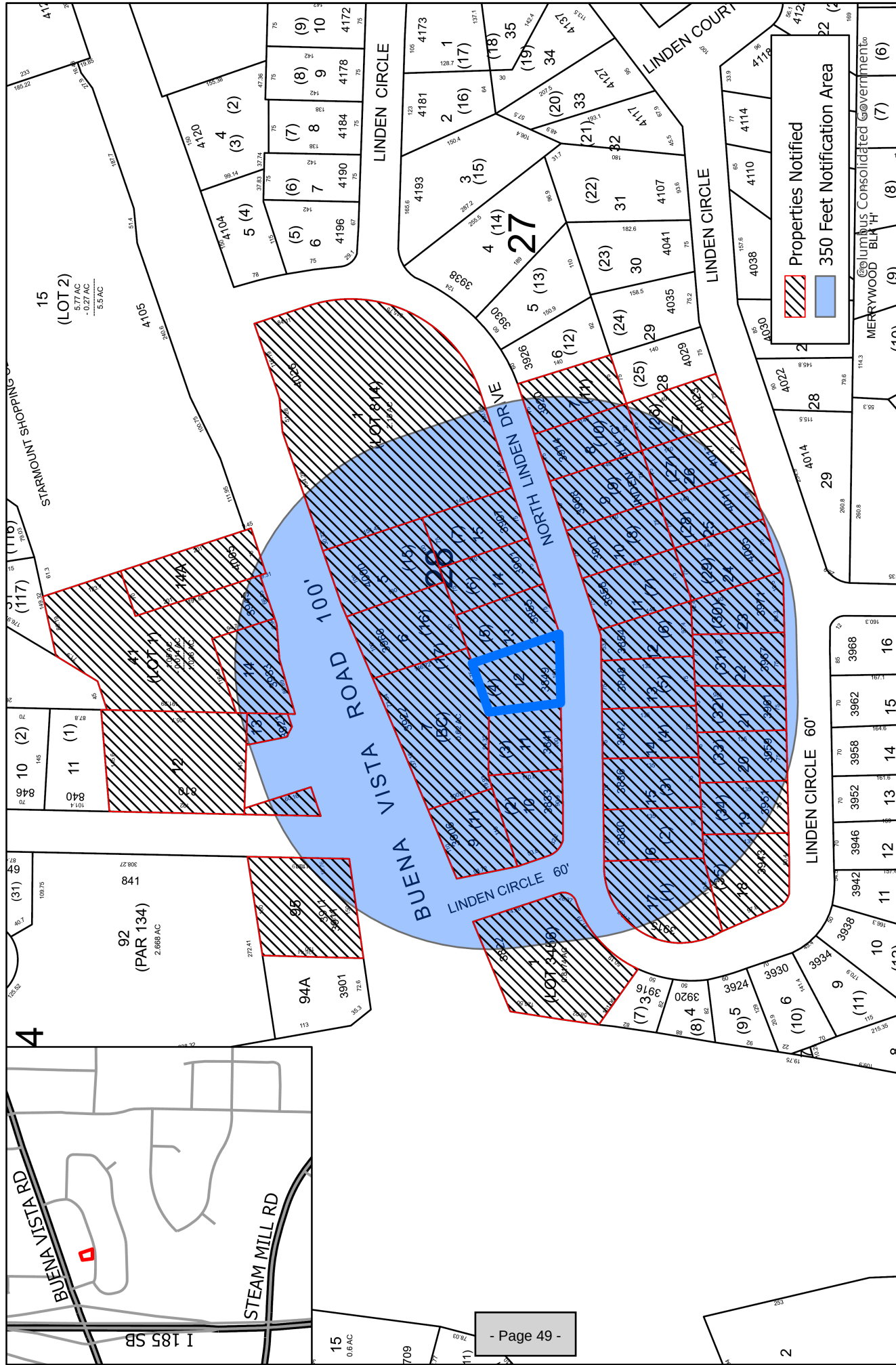


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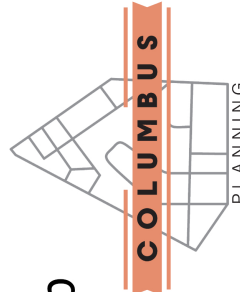
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REZN 05-26-0955 : Notification Area Map CCG Planning Department



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File Attachments for Item:

3. 1st Reading: An ordinance amending Article XIV of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code to revise and modernize the Article; to adopt current state rules and regulations; to provide for a penalty for violations; and for other purposes. (Request of Muscogee County Board of Health)(Mayor ProTem)

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An ordinance amending Article XIV of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code to revise and modernize the Article; to adopt current state rules and regulations; to provide for a penalty for violations; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**SECTION 1.**

Article XIV of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code is amended by striking that Article in its entirety and inserting a new Article XIV to read as follows:

“ARTICE XIV. - BODY ART**Sec. 13-541.- State rules and regulations for body art adopted by reference.**

The Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia for Body Art, at Sec. 511-3-8 et seq. In the Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia as compiled by the Secretary of State, are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference. The Columbus (Muscogee County) Department of Public Health and shall ensure that a current copy of said rules and regulations will be kept on file with the Clerk of Council and the Director of the Department of Inspections and Code.

Sec. 13-542. - Violations.

Any person or corporation that enters into the business of performing body art as defined in the Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia for Body Art shall be in violation of this Article if they

- 1) Cannot show proof of a State permit to perform such services; or
- 2) Do not hold a business license issued by or acceptable to the Revenue Division of the Finance Department of Columbus, Georgia; or
- 3) Are cited by the Columbus (Muscogee County) Department of Public of Health for violations of the Rules and Regulation of the State of Georgia for Body Art.

Sec. 13-543. – Enforcement.

Penalty. Any person who violates any provision of this Article shall be punished pursuant to [Section 1-8](#) of the Columbus Code. Citations for such violations shall be issued by the Inspection Division of the Department of Inspections and Code and heard in the environmental court division of recorder’s court.”

SECTION 2.

Section 14-60.1 of the Columbus Code is repealed and replaced with a new Section 14-60.1 to read as follows:

“Sec. 14-60.1. – Body Art — Prohibited on persons under 18 except under certain conditions.**(a) Tattooing.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to tattoo the body of any person under the age of 18, except that a physician or osteopath licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Georgia Code, or a technician acting under the direct supervision of such licensed physician or osteopath, and in compliance with Chapter 9 of Title 31 of the Georgia Code shall be authorized to mark or color the skin of any person under the age of 18 by pricking in coloring matter or by producing scars for medical or cosmetic purposes.

(b) Piercing-Prohibited on persons under 18 without consent of custodial parent or guardian.

It shall be unlawful for any person to pierce the body, with the exception of the ear lobes, of any person under the age of 18 for the purpose of allowing the insertion of earrings, jewelry, or similar objects into the body, unless the prior written consent of a custodial parent or guardian is obtained; provided however, that the prohibition contained in this subsection shall not apply if:

1. Such person has been furnished with proper identification showing that the individual is 18 years of age or older; and
2. The person reasonably believes such minor to be 18 years of age or older.”

SECTION 3.

All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance shall be repealed.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 28th day of July 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

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File Attachments for Item:

4. 1st Reading: An Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Columbus Code to rename and update the provisions pertaining to the Animal Services Advisory Board; and for other purposes.
(Councilors Tucker, Crabb, and Garrett)

AN ORDINANCE

No. _____

An Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Columbus Code to rename and update the provisions pertaining to the Animal Services Advisory Board; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Section 5-3 of the Columbus Code of Ordinances is hereby deleted in its entirety, and a new Section 5-3 is inserted to read as follows:

“Sec. 5-3. - Animal services advisory board.

- (a) *Established.* An Animal Services Advisory Board is hereby established to be effective October 16, 1984.
- (b) *Mission.* The Animal Services Advisory Board provides guidance and recommendations to support the mission of the Animal Services Division. The Board focuses on areas as ordinance review and promoting responsible pet ownership, community education and classification-related matters. Proposals and recommendations shall normally be presented during board meetings. Matters requiring immediate attention should be referred to the Animal Services Director and the ASAB Chair. The Animal Services Advisory Board shall also carry out the duties prescribed for it in Section 5-11 of this Chapter.
- (c) *Composition of board.* The board shall have seven voting members and two non-voting members to be appointed as follows:
 - (1) One Georgia licensed veterinarian or licensed veterinarian technician shall serve as a voting member. Notwithstanding the provisions of Columbus Code Sec. 2-3.02 he/she need not be a resident of Columbus.) The Georgia licensed veterinarian or licensed veterinarian technician shall be appointed for a two-year term. The appointee shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself.
 - (2) Five citizens to be selected by the Columbus Council shall serve as voting members. The citizen members shall be appointed to serve two-year terms, except for the initial appointments upon adoption of this chapter, one citizen shall be appointed to a one-year term, and one citizen shall be appointed to a two-year term. The citizen board members may only serve three terms consecutively.
 - (3) An employee of the Environmental Health Division, Columbus Department of Public Health shall serve as a non-voting member of the board. The board member is to be appointed by the county board of health and confirmed by the Columbus Council.
 - (4) The contract administrator identified by the mayor and approved by the council in any contract between the consolidated government and a non-profit licensed shelter to provide animal services division services for Columbus shall be a voting ex-officio member of the board.
 - (5) The animal services director shall be a nonvoting ex-officio member of the board for the life of the contract.
 - (6) The Animal Services Advisory Board shall name a recording secretary to provide other clerical and logistical support to the board.
- (d) *Schedule of board meetings.* The board shall meet at a time and place designated by the board chairman. The chairman is authorized to adjust the schedule, except that the board

is required to meet at least semiannually.

- (e) In any event, any member shall abstain from voting upon any issues which touch or bear upon matters in which the member has a pecuniary interest, either proprietorship, salary, or otherwise. In any matter called for a vote in which any member abstains, a failure to win a majority shall constitute a defeat of that issue.”

SECTION 2.

Section 5-11(a) is hereby deleted in its entirety, and a new Section 5-11(a) is hereby inserted to read as follows:

“Sec. 5-11. - Dangerous or vicious dogs.

- (a) All requirements concerning the classification, registration and maintenance of dangerous and vicious dogs will be enforced in Columbus as set forth in O.C.G.A Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 4, ("Responsible Dog Ownership Law"). The animal services director shall serve as the dog control officer for purposes of implementing the requirements of the state law. The Animal Services Advisory Board is hereby designated as the authority in Columbus charged with making all determinations and hearing all appeals required by the state law.”

SECTION 3.

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

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• **Sec. 5-3. - Animal control ~~services~~ advisory board.**

- (a) *Established.* An animal control ~~services~~ advisory board is hereby established to be effective October 16, 1984.
- (b) *Mission.* ~~The animal control advisory board should monitor the operation of the animal services division and render guidance and assistance. Proposals and recommendations shall normally be presented during the board meetings. Matters that need immediate attention should be referred to the animal services director and the ACAB Chair.~~

Mission. The Animal Services Advisory Board provides guidance and recommendations to support the mission of the Animal Services Division. The Board focuses on areas as ordinance review and promoting responsible pet ownership, community education and classification-related matters. Proposals and recommendations shall normally be presented during board meetings. Matters requiring immediate attention should be referred to the Animal Services Director and the ASAB Chair. The Animal Services Advisory Board shall also carry out the duties prescribed for it in Section 5-11 of this Chapter.

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 - (2) ~~One Georgia veterinary technician currently working in Muscogee County shall serve as a voting member. Notwithstanding the provisions of Columbus Code Section 2-3.02, he/she need not be a resident of Columbus. The Georgia veterinary technician shall be appointed for a two-year term. The appointee shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself.~~
 - (3) ~~A designated representative of PAWS Columbus, Inc. confirmed by the Columbus Council shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member. The PAWS Columbus Board Member shall be appointed to serve a two-year term and may only serve three terms consecutively.~~
 - (4) ~~A representative of a licensed animal shelter or rescue operating in Muscogee County shall serve as a voting member. The appointment shall be recommended by the licensed animal shelter or rescue and then nominated and confirmed by the Columbus Council. Notwithstanding the provisions of Columbus Code Section 2-3.02, they need not be residents of Columbus. This representative shall be appointed to serve a two-year term and may only serve three terms consecutively.~~
 - (4) ~~(2)~~ Five citizens to be selected by the Columbus Council shall serve as voting members. The citizen members shall be appointed to serve two-year terms, except for the initial appointments upon adoption of this chapter, one citizen shall be appointed to a one-year term, and one citizen shall be appointed to a two-year term. The citizen board members may only serve three terms consecutively.

- (5) (3) An employee of the Environmental Health Division, Columbus Department of Public Health shall serve as a non-voting member of the board. The board member is to be appointed by the county board of health and confirmed by the Columbus Council.
- (6) (4) The contract administrator identified by the mayor and approved by the council in any contract between the consolidated government and a non-profit licensed shelter to provide animal ~~control~~ services division services for Columbus shall be a voting ex-officio member of the board.
- (7) (5) The animal services director shall be a nonvoting ex-officio member of the board for the life of the contract.
- (8) (6) The animal ~~control~~ services advisory board shall elect name a recording secretary The animal services director shall designate an administrative officer of the animal services division to provide other clerical and logistical support to the board.
- (d) *Schedule of board meetings.* The board shall meet at a time and place designated by the board chairman. The chairman is authorized to adjust the schedule, except that the board is required to meet at least semiannually.
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File Attachments for Item:

1. Columbus Airport Commission & Development Authority Funding Support

Approval is requested to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Airport Commission and the Development Authority to support the economic development activities at the airport.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #1.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Columbus Airport Commission & Development Authority Funding Support
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Airport Commission and the Development Authority to support the economic development activities at the airport.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Airport Commission and the Development Authority to support the economic development activities at the airport.

Background: The Columbus Airport Commission (CSG) was created by Constitutional Amendment, Article 5, Section 4, Ga. Laws 1868, Page 1655, for the purpose of administering the operations of the Columbus Metropolitan Airport. The CSG is in need of operating support to stabilize the airport, building the leadership team to grow non-aeronautical revenue, protect the revenue-producing assets, and pursue strategic initiatives that grow the airport.

Analysis: The Columbus Airport Commission is a component unit of the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG). The CCG desires to support the efforts of the CSG for ongoing operational needs, capital improvements, and deferred maintenance.

Financial Considerations: Funding is appropriated in FY27 in the Economic Development Fund \$260,000.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review the Intergovernmental Agreement and approve as to form.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Airport Commission and the Development Authority to support the economic development activities at the airport.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, TO AUTHORIZE
THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
WITH THE COLUMBUS AIRPORT COMMISSION AND THE DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY FOR \$260,000 OUT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.**

Item #1.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Airport Commission (CSG) was created by Constitutional Amendment, Article 5, Section 4, Ga. Laws 1868, Page 1655, for the purpose of administering the operations of the Columbus Metropolitan Airport; and,

WHEREAS, the CSG is a component unit of the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG); and,

WHEREAS, CCG desires to support the CSG with an appropriation out of the Economic Development Fund of \$260,000.

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

The Council of Columbus, Georgia hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Airport Commission and the Development Authority for FY27 with an expenditure amount of \$260,000 from the Economic Development Fund and to continue for FY28 and FY29 if funds are appropriated by City Council.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day
of _____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of
said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
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Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

AGREEMENT
 BETWEEN
 CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
 AND
 COLUMBUS AIRPORT COMMISSION
 AND
 THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

This Agreement (the “Agreement”), made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026 by and between the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (“CCG”), the Columbus Airport Commission, (“CSG”) and the Development Authority of Columbus, Georgia (“DA”);

RECITALS

Whereas, CCG is a consolidated city-county government existing under the laws of the State of Georgia;

Whereas, the DA was established by Ordinance No. 72-76 to develop and promote for the public good and general welfare trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities in the City of Columbus and members of the Board are appointed by the Mayor, with the consent of the Council of Columbus; and,

Whereas, the CSG was created by Constitutional Amendment, Article 5, Section 4, Ga. Laws 1868, Page 1655, for the purpose of administering the operations of the Columbus Metropolitan Airport; and,

Whereas, the CSG is in need of operating support to stabilize the airport, building the leadership team to grow non-aeronautical revenue, protect the revenue-producing assets, and pursue strategic initiatives that grow the airport; and,

Whereas, CCG desires to support the efforts of the CSG for economic development activity for job growth in Muscogee County; and,

Whereas, the DA and CCG wish to assist the CSG with terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

WITNESSETH:

In order to carry out the public purposes as set forth above, CCG, CSG and DA hereby agree as follows:

1. The DA is funded by an Economic Development millage of .50 mills, .25 mills is a direct allocation to the DA and .25 mills is maintained by Columbus.

2. In its Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2027 (Fiscal Year 2027), CCG will appropriate up \$260,000 from the .25 mills maintained by Columbus which will be provided to the DA for funding to the CSG.
3. The DA will reimburse CSG up to \$260,000 in support of job growth and economic development activities annually for FY27, FY28 and FY29 if appropriated by Council in future fiscal years.
4. A detailed expenditure report of how the funds were utilized shall be submitted annually to the City Manager.

Delois Marsh
Chairwoman, Columbus Airport Commission

Date: _____

Tyson Begly
City Manager

Date: _____

Development Authority of Columbus, Georgia

Selvin Hollingsworth, Chairman

Date: _____

File Attachments for Item:

2. Columbus Airport Commission Funding Support

Approval is requested to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Airport Commission to support the airport operations.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #2.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Columbus Airport Commission Funding Support
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Airport Commission to support the airport operations.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Airport Commission to support the airport operations.

Background: The Columbus Airport Commission (CSG) was created by Constitutional Amendment, Article 5, Section 4, Ga. Laws 1868, Page 1655, for the purpose of administering the operations of the Columbus Metropolitan Airport. The CSG is in need of operating support to stabilize the airport, building the leadership team to grow non-aeronautical revenue, protect the revenue-producing assets, and pursue strategic initiatives that grow the airport

Analysis: The Columbus Airport Commission is a component unit of the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG). The CCG desires to support the efforts of the CSG for ongoing operational needs, capital improvements and deferred maintenance.

Financial Considerations: Funding is appropriated in FY27 in the General Fund for \$300,000 and in TSPLOST Discretionary Fund for \$900,000.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review the Intergovernmental Agreement and approve as to form.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Airport Commission to support the airport operations.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COLUMBUS AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR \$300,000 OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND AND \$900,000 OUT OF TSPLOST DISCRETIONARY FUND.

Item #2.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Airport Commission (CSG) was created by Constitutional Amendment, Article 5, Section 4, Ga. Laws 1868, Page 1655, for the purpose of administering the operations of the Columbus Metropolitan Airport; and,

WHEREAS, the CSG is a component unit of the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG); and,

WHEREAS, CCG desires to support the CSG with an additional appropriation out of the General Fund of \$300,000 and TSPLOST Discretionary Fund of \$900,000.

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

The Council of Columbus, Georgia hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Airport Commission for FY27 with expenditure amounts of \$300,000 from the General Fund and \$900,000 from TSPLOST Discretionary Funds and to continue for FY28 and FY29 if funds are appropriated by City Council.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Chamber voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Cook voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
AND
COLUMBUS AIRPORT COMMISSION

This Agreement (the “Agreement”), made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026 by and between the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (“CCG”), and the Columbus Airport Commission, (“CSG”);

RECITALS

Whereas, CCG is a consolidated city-county government existing under the laws of the State of Georgia;

Whereas, the CSG was created by Constitutional Amendment, Article 5, Section 4, Ga. Laws 1868, Page 1655, for the purpose of administering the operations of the Columbus Metropolitan Airport; and,

Whereas, the CSG is in need of operating support to stabilize the airport, building the leadership team to grow non-aeronautical revenue, protect the revenue-producing assets, and pursue strategic initiatives that grow the airport; and,

Whereas, CCG desires to support the efforts of the CSG for ongoing operational needs, capital improvements and deferred maintenance; and,

Whereas, the CCG wishes to assist the CSG with terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

WITNESSETH:

In order to carry out the public purposes as set forth above, CCG and CSG hereby agree as follows:

1. The CCG has appropriated an additional \$300,000 in the General Fund for a total of \$340,000. These funds will be distributed 1/12 each month at \$28,333.33 monthly in Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2027 (Fiscal Year 2027).
2. In its Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2027 (Fiscal Year 2027), CCG will appropriate \$900,000 from the TSPLOST Discretionary Funds to be utilized for capital improvements and deferred maintenance (hangers and associated facilities repairs) and will be distributed with the submittal of a quote, bid, or other documentation of specific expenditures. Actual proof of expenditure of funds will follow with copies of checks or disbursement of funds.

3. A detailed expenditure report of how the funds were utilized shall be submitted quarterly to the City Manager.

Delois Marsh
Chairwoman, Columbus Airport Commission

Date: _____

Tyson Begly
City Manager

Date: _____

File Attachments for Item:

3. Lease Agreement – 921 5th Avenue – First African Baptist Church Parking Lot

Approval is requested to enter into a lease agreement with First African Baptist Church to lease the parking lot at 921 5th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31901

**Columbus Consolidated Government
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Item #3.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Lease Agreement – 921 5th Avenue – First African Baptist Church Parking Lot
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to enter into a lease agreement with First African Baptist Church to lease the parking lot at 921 5 th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31901
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment & Real Estate Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into a lease agreement with First African Baptist Church to lease the parking lot at 921 5th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31901

Background: The City seeks to enter into a lease agreement with First African Baptist Church to provide an additional parking lot for the church. The parking lot at 921 5th Avenue was previously used for city staff parking at the Government Annex Building, 420 10th Street. The church, which once owned property at the current location of the Public Safety Building parking garage, is currently unable to utilize the parking garage for church parking. To remedy this issue, the City has offered to lease space at 921 5th Avenue for the sum of \$1/year. The initial term will be five (5) years with two additional five (5) year renewal terms.

Source: Columbus, GA Tax Assessor

Financial Considerations: The City will lease at the rate of \$1.00 per year. Leasing the parking lot is not anticipated to create future costs for the City. First African Baptist Church is responsible for maintaining and repairing the landscaping and improvements of the parking lot. First African Baptist Church will keep the premises in good condition at its sole expense.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to enter into a lease agreement with First African Baptist Church to lease the parking lot at 921 5th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31901

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH TO LEASE A PARKING LOT AT 921 5TH AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GEORGIA 31901

WHEREAS, the City owns the property located at 921 5th Avenue; and,

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WHEREAS, First African Baptist Church is willing to enter into a lease agreement with the City for the parking lot located at 921 5th Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, First African Baptist Church agrees to maintain the landscaping, make repairs and keep the property in good condition at its sole expense; and,

WHEREAS, The City will lease the parking lot at a rate of \$1.00 per year for an initial term of five (5) years, with two renewal terms of five (5) years each.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a lease with First African Baptist Church to lease the parking lot at 921 5th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31901.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Cook voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

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

LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT (hereinafter referred to as this “Lease”), made and entered into as of the ____ day of _____, 2026, between COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, a consolidated city-county government (hereinafter referred to as “Landlord”), and FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., a Georgia nonprofit corporation (hereinafter referred to as “Tenant”).

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, Landlord is the owner of the hereinafter described property and desires to lease the same to Tenant upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, and Tenant desires to lease said property from landlord upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises recited, the rents to be paid hereunder and the benefits accruing to the parties hereto, Landlord and Tenant do hereby agree as follows:

1. Premises. Landlord does hereby lease to Tenant and Tenant does hereby lease from Landlord land known and identified as 921 5th Avenue, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, and Tax Parcel No. 019-014-002, together with and subject to all rights, privileges, easements, appurtenances, and amenities encumbering, belonging or in any way pertaining to said premises (the “Premises”).

2. Term. The initial term of this Lease shall be for five (5) years commencing on the execution date (the “Initial Term”).

3. Renewal. At the expiration of the initial 5-year term of this Lease, and provided Tenant is not in default hereunder, this Lease may be renewed by Lessee for two (2) additional five (5) year renewal terms (each a “Renewal Term”, and collectively, the “Renewal Terms”), provided Tenant obtains Landlord’s prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Tenant, in order to exercise either of the Renewal Terms, shall give Landlord not less than sixty (60) days prior written notice of Tenant’s intent to renew before the end of the Initial Term or the then applicable Renewal Term. During any renewal term hereof, the Tenant shall lease the Premises from the Landlord upon the same terms and conditions as herein provided.

4. Voluntary Termination. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, Tenant shall have the right to terminate this Lease, at any time, with or without cause, upon giving no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice of cancellation to the Landlord. Tenant shall continue to pay the normal rental due hereunder until the date of cancellation. After the running of the Initial Term, or, if this Lease has been renewed, after the running of the last of the 2 Renewal Terms that Landlord has consented to, or if Landlord has not consented and agreed to either of the Renewal Terms, then this Lease shall continue on a year to year basis and Landlord shall have the right to terminate this Lease, at any time, with or without cause, upon giving no less than ninety (90) days prior written notice of cancellation to Tenant.

5. Rent. Tenant shall pay to Landlord as rent for the use, possession and occupancy of the Premises the sum of \$1.00 per annum with the full Initial Term rental of \$5 being due upon Tenant's signing and delivery of this Lease to Landlord. Rents for the for the Renewal Terms, as consented to by Landlord, shall be being paid on or before the first day of such Renewal Term.

6. Use; Maintenance. Tenant shall use the Premises solely for parking in connection with the use of Tenant's adjoining property and not otherwise unless consented to by Landlord in its sole discretion. Tenant shall not make any unlawful or offensive use of the Premises, and will comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, rules, orders, regulations or requirements of federal, state and municipal governments. Tenant shall be responsible for and shall maintain and repair the landscaping and improvements of the Premises and keep the same in good and orderly condition during the term hereof at Tenant's sole cost and expense.

7. Sublease; Assignment. Tenant may not assign this Lease or sublet any portion of the Premises to any person, firm or corporation without obtaining the prior written consent of Landlord, in Landlord's sole discretion.

8. No Liability; Insurance; Indemnification. Landlord shall not be liable for any damage to any property of the Tenant or of Tenant's officers, owners, partners, employees, agents, customers, members, invitees or guests (collectively, the "Tenant Parties"), located on the Premises, for any injury to or death of any Tenant Parties or any other persons, and Tenant shall maintain insurance in an amount specified by Landlord to protect its property and fixtures located thereon and insure against liability for any such personal injuries. Tenant shall assume all responsibility for, and indemnify and save harmless Landlord from, any and all loss, expense, damages or claims, including reasonable attorney's fees, and otherwise of any kind, arising out of any personal injury, death, property damage or loss whatsoever and howsoever occurring and relating in any way to Tenant's use and occupancy of the Premises. All liability insurance policies maintained by Tenant shall name Landlord as an additional insured and proof of such insurance shall be provided before the commencement date of this Lease and thereafter upon request of Landlord from time to time.

9. Default. In the event Tenant (1) fails to pay any rent or any other amounts provided for herein as and when due and fails to cure such default within ten (10) days after written notice from Landlord that the same is past due, or (2) fails to perform any other non-payment covenant required of it in this Lease, and if such non-payment default shall continue for thirty (30) days after written notice of such default from the Landlord, at Landlord's option, Landlord may, in addition to any other right or remedy provided at law or in equity, terminate this Lease immediately and, without resort to legal proceedings, have the right to re-enter and summarily take possession of the Premises and remove the property of Tenant therefrom.

10. Utilities. Tenant shall furnish and pay for all water, natural gas, electricity, telephone, internet, cable and other utilities used by Tenant on the Premises during the term hereof.

11. Surrender of Premises. Tenant shall surrender the Premises to Landlord at the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease in as good condition as they were in at the

commencement of the term hereof, natural wear and tear excepted.

12. Alterations. Tenant shall not make alterations, additions or improvements to the Premises without first obtaining the written consent of Landlord, in Landlord's sole discretion.

13. Signage. Tenant shall have the right to install signs on the Premises upon obtaining the written consent of Landlord, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Such signs shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations relating thereto and shall be removed by Tenant at the expiration of this Lease and any damage to the Premises caused by such removal shall be repaired by Tenant.

14. Inspection. Landlord shall have the right to inspect the Premises during reasonable business hours upon reasonable prior notice to Tenant.

15. Notice. All notices provided for in this Lease shall be in writing, and shall be sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Notice to Tenant shall be addressed to Tenant at 951 5th Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901. Notices to Landlord shall be addressed to Landlord at P.O. Box 1340, Columbus, Georgia 31902, Attention: City Manager; with a copy to the Community Reinvestment Department at P.O. Box 1340, Columbus, GA 31901. Either party may change its address for purposes of the foregoing upon giving prior written notice to the other as provided herein.

18. Binding. This Lease shall be binding upon the respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns of the parties hereto.

19. Entire Agreement. This Lease provides the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and no statements, representations or warranties shall be binding upon said parties unless included herein or subsequently reduced to writing and signed by said parties.

20. Multiple Counterparts; Electronic Signatures. This Lease and any amendments hereto may be executed in more than one counterpart and each such counterpart or copy shall serve as an original hereof. This Lease and any amendments hereto signed and/or delivered by either party to the other shall be deemed binding upon the party so signing and/or delivering the same to the other party.

[Signatures to Follow]

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Landlord and Tenant have caused this Lease to be executed, under seal, as of the date first above written.

Landlord:

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

(SEAL)

Tenant:

First African Baptist Church, Inc.

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

(SEAL)

File Attachments for Item:

4. FY27 Public Defender Contract

Approval is requested to enter into an agreement for Indigent Defense Services between the Circuit Public Defender Office of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and Muscogee County in the amount of \$2,826,718 from July 2026 to June 2027 and authorize monthly payment to Georgia Public Defender Council (GPDC) for said services in the amount of \$161,603.04 per month. The monthly amount includes \$1,846,892 for personnel services and \$92,345, a 5% administrative fee (The GPDC payment is included in the total amount of \$2,826,718).

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Item #4.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY27 Public Defender Contract
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to enter into an agreement for Indigent Defense Services between the Circuit Public Defender Office of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and Muscogee County in the amount of \$2,826,718 from July 2026 to June 2027 and authorize monthly payment to Georgia Public Defender Council (GPDC) for said services in the amount of \$161,603.04 per month. The monthly amount includes \$1,846,892 for personnel services and \$92,345, a 5% administrative fee (The GPDC payment is included in the total amount of \$2,826,718).
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into an agreement for Indigent Defense Services between the Circuit Public Defender Office of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and Muscogee County in the amount of \$2,826,718 from July 2026 to June 2027 and authorize monthly payment to Georgia Public Defender Council (GPDC) for said services in the amount of \$161,603.04 per month. The monthly amount includes \$1,846,892 for personnel services and \$92,345, a 5% administrative fee (The GPDC payment is included in the total amount of \$2,826,718).

Background: The Circuit Public Defender will provide public defender personnel in Superior, Juvenile, and Recorder's Courts totaling \$2,826,718 of which \$1,846,892 and an administrative fee of \$92,345 is paid in monthly installments to the GPDC for a total of \$1,939,237. These services include payroll, fringe benefits, training, travel, computer hardware, computer software and legal research software. Support staff and operational expenses are funded in the FY27 budget for a total of \$887,481. Included in this FY27 contract is a continuation of funding for two (2) Assistant Public Defenders that was originally funded in FY16 for the Rapid Resolution Initiative. This contract also includes funding for three (3) Assistant Public Defenders that were added in FY17 (2 APD's) and FY19 (1 APD) as well as supplements for the Chief Public Defender (\$20,000) and Assistant Chief Public Defender (\$15,000) due to the provision of representation in Recorder's Court. New to the budget for FY27 is funding for one (1) additional Assistant Public Defender to serve in Juvenile Court. The prorated share of all contractual costs is outlined as follows: Muscogee - \$2,667,364; Chattahoochee - \$5,591; Harris - \$114,623; Marion - \$11,183; Talbot - \$11,183; Taylor - \$16,774 for a total of \$2,826,718. Muscogee County acts as the fiscal agent for the Circuit Public Defender.

Analysis: The Circuit Public Defender, City Attorney's Office, and the Finance Department will facilitate execution of this contract.

Financial Considerations: The agreement is budgeted in the FY27 Adopted Budget.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to enter into this contract.

Recommendations/Actions: Approval is requested to enter into an agreement for Indigent Defense Services between the Circuit Public Defender Office of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and Muscogee County in the amount of \$2,826,718 from July 2026 to June 2027 and authorize monthly payment to Georgia Public Defender Council (GPDC) for said services in the amount of \$161,603.04 per month. The monthly amount includes \$1,846,892 for personnel services and \$92,345, a 5% administrative fee (The GPDC payment is included in the total amount of \$2,826,718).

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A RESOLUTION

Item #4.

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES BETWEEN CIRCUIT PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND MUSCOGEE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,826,718 FROM JULY 2026 TO JUNE 2027 AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO THE GEORGIA PUBLIC DEFENDER COUNCIL (GPDC) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,939,237 PAID IN MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS OF \$161,603.04 OF WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT;

WHEREAS, the Circuit Public Defender Office of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit was created in January 2005 by the Georgia Indigent Defense Act of 2003 and provides that a consolidated government may contract with the circuit public defender for the provision of criminal defense for indigent persons in Superior and Juvenile courts; and,

WHEREAS, the contract specifies the amount of \$1,939,237 for state paid personnel and administrative fee for the period of July 2026 to June 2027 and Columbus Consolidated Government personnel and operating expenses of \$887,481 with Muscogee County's prorated share of all expenses to be \$2,667,364.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement for Indigent Defense Services between Circuit Public Defender Office of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and Muscogee County in the amount of \$2,667,364 from July 2026 to June 2027 and authorize payment to the GPDC in the amount of \$1,846,892 plus the administrative fee of \$92,345 to be paid in monthly installments of \$161,603.04 which is included in the total amount; and authorize the Mayor to have signature authority.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the ____ day of ____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Cook voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

A. Arts & Craft, Hobby and Recreational Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0024

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Arts & Craft, Hobby and Recreational Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0024
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of Arts & Craft, Hobby and Recreational Supplies (Annual Contract) from Blick Art Materials (Galesburg, IL), BSN Sports (Niskayuna, NY), Kaplan Early Learning Co. (Lewisville, NC), Lakeshore Learning Materials (Carson, CA), Malone Office Environments (Columbus, GA), and S&S Worldwide (Colchester, CT), at a discount percentage ranging from 5% - 50%, on an “as needed” basis. Based on past spending, the Department of Parks and Recreation estimates annual spending to be \$20,000.00.

The Department has various divisions, including; Recreation, Community Schools, Seniors, Therapeutics, Pottery, Athletics, Park Services and Cooper Creek Tennis which purchase a variety of arts, craft, hobby, and recreational supplies via catalogs and discount stores. To facilitate these purchases, vendors were asked to submit percentage discount bids, since most vendors offer similar, but not the same type of arts, crafts, hobby and recreational supplies.

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

Bid specifications were posted on the web page of the Purchasing Division and on the Georgia Procurement Registry on February 4, 2026. Six (6) bids were received on March 4, 2026. The bidders were:

	Form 1 Percentage Discount-All Purchases	Form 1A Percentage Discount by Category	
	Discount	Category	Discount
Blick Art Materials (Galesburg, IL)	20 %		
BSN Sports (Niskayuna, NY)	10 %		
Kaplan Early Learning Co. (Lewisville, NC)	5 %		
Lakeshore Learning Materials (Carson, CA)		Arts & Craft, Hobby & Recreational Supplies	5 %
Malone Office Environments (Columbus, GA)	15-50 %	Furniture	35-45 %
		Supplies	20-50 %

S&S Worldwide (Colchester, CT) *	20 %		
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Statement of No Bid: School Specialty, Inc. (Greenville, WI)

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Various Divisions – Operating Materials – 6728 and Other Purchased Services – 6699.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ARTS & CRAFT, HOBBY AND RECREATIONAL SUPPLIES FROM BLICK ART MATERIALS (GALESBURG, IL), BSN SPORTS (NISKAYUNA, NY), KAPLAN EARLY LEARNING CO. (LEWISVILLE, NC), LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS (CARSON, CA), MALONE OFFICE ENVIRONMENTS (COLUMBUS, GA), AND S&S WORLDWIDE (COLCHESTER, CT), AT A DISCOUNT PERCENTAGE RANGING FROM 5% - 50%, ON AN “AS NEEDED” BASIS. BASED ON PAST SPENDING, THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION ESTIMATES ANNUAL SPENDING TO BE \$20,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Department has various divisions, including; Recreation, Community Schools, Seniors, Therapeutics, Pottery, Athletics, Park Services and Cooper Creek Tennis which purchase a variety of arts, crafts, hobby, and recreational supplies via catalogs and discount stores. To facilitate these purchases, vendors were asked to submit percentage discount bids, since most vendors offer similar, but not the same type of arts, crafts, hobby and recreational supplies; and,

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

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase Arts & Craft, Hobby and Recreational Supplies (Annual Contract) from Blick Art Materials (Galesburg, IL), BSN Sports (Niskayuna, NY), Kaplan Early Learning Co. (Lewisville, NC), Lakeshore Learning Materials (Carson, CA), Malone Office Environments (Columbus, GA), and S&S Worldwide (Colchester, CT), at a discount percentage ranging from 5% - 50%, on an “as needed” basis. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Various Divisions – Operating Materials – 6728 and Other Purchased Services – 6699.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Cook	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

B. Customized Fleet Supply Chain and Parts Inventory Management AKA Integrated Business Solutions (Annual Contract) – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Customized Fleet Supply Chain and Parts Inventory Management AKA Integrated Business Solutions (Annual Contract) – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the annual contract for Customized Fleet Supply Chain & Parts Inventory Management aka Integrated Business Solutions from Genuine Parts Company, Inc., d/b/a NAPA Auto Parts (Atlanta, GA), to provide vehicle and equipment maintenance parts and supplies services. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Georgia Statewide Contract No. SWC 99999-SPD-G20281203. Based on usage history, the estimated annual contract value for this contract is \$2,408,470.61.

This agreement will enable the City to establish a source of supply for certain automobile, truck, small engine, heavy equipment and bus parts, as well as, provide integrated business solution services. The vendor will establish inventories, at the City's Fleet Shop and other locations, as needed, to service the Fleet's parts needs, and to serve as the City's primary supplier of automotive, small engine and heavy equipment replacement parts and other supplies and/or equipment.

The vendor will provide personnel, management, parts and supplies and services, including sublet for repairs. The on-site parts operations will cover all hours worked by the City facility(ies), including overtime due to peak demand and emergency operations.

The City will pay discounted prices for parts and supplies profiled for Columbus Consolidated Government, based on usage history. The vendor's operational costs have been factored in the pricing profile for products sold under this agreement.

NAPA has previously been the City's on-site supplier of vehicle and equipment repair parts and supplies, per RFP No. 07-0014; and has continued to supply the City through the Georgia Statewide Contract. The benefits/savings are as follows:

1. NAPA's selection under the Georgia State Contract has eliminated the cost of administering an RFP process.
2. NAPA provides an onsite parts store and has capped their profit margin at 8.5%.
3. Single supplier for automobile, truck, bus and other equipment parts with real-time parts availability.

The Contract term will align with the State's contract term, which was initiated on June 30, 2026, and will remain in effect **through December 3, 2028, and any additional extensions or renewals**. However, in the event the State does not renew or cancels the contract, the City will need time to put other forces in place. There

with NAPA until a new RFP can be issued, or a new cooperative contract is initiated by the State or other sources.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: Various Accounts - Auto Parts & Supplies - 6721.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR CUSTOMIZED FLEET SUPPLY CHAIN AND PARTS INVENTORY MANAGEMENT AKA INTEGRATED BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, FROM GENUINE AUTO PARTS COMPANY, INC., D/B/A NAPA AUTO PARTS (ATLANTA, GA), TO PROVIDE VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE PARTS AND SUPPLIES SERVICES, BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT NO. SWC 99999-SPD-G20281203. BASED ON USAGE HISTORY, THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL CONTRACT VALUE FOR THIS CONTRACT IS \$2,408,470.61.

WHEREAS, this agreement will enable the City to establish a source of supply for certain automobile, truck, small engine, heavy equipment and bus parts, as well as provide integrated business solution services. The vendors will establish inventories, at the City's Fleet Shop and other locations, as needed, to service the Fleet's parts needs, and to serve as the City's primary suppliers of automotive, small engine and heavy equipment replacement parts and other supplies and/or equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the vendor will provide personnel, management, parts and supplies and services, including sublet for repairs. The on-site parts operations will cover all hours worked by the City facility(ies), including overtime due to peak demand and emergency operations; and,

WHEREAS, the Contract term will align with the State's contract term, which began June 30 2026, and will remain in effect through December 3, 2028, and any additional extensions or renewals. However, in the event the State does not renew or cancels the contract, the City will need time to put other forces in place. Therefore, the City will have the option to renew the contract with NAPA until a new RFP can be issued, or a new cooperative contract is initiated by the State or other sources. The City also has reserved the right to cancel the agreement with NAPA by giving a ninety (90) day written notice.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to enter into an annual contract for Customized Fleet Supply Chain & Parts Inventory Management aka Integrated Business Solutions from Genuine Parts Company, Inc., d/b/a NAPA Auto Parts (Atlanta, GA), to provide vehicle and equipment maintenance parts and supplies services, by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract No. SWC 99999-SPD-G20281203. Based on usage history, the estimated annual contract value for this contract is \$2,408,470.61. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: Various Accounts – Auto Parts & Supplies – 6721.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____

Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Cook	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

C. Loss Control Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0011

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Loss Control Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0011
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of an annual contract with T. Hudson Risk Advisors LLC (Peachtree Corners, GA) for Loss Control Services on an “as needed” basis.

The contracted vendor will provide comprehensive loss control services for the City’s workforce of approximately 3,000 employees. The primary purpose of these services is to assist CCG/Risk Management in identifying, evaluating, and mitigating risks across various departments and operations, thereby reducing the frequency and severity of losses, improving safety, and controlling insurance costs.

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

Annual Contract History:

This is a new annual contract; consequently, there is no prior contractual history.

RFP Advertisement and Receipt of Proposals:

RFP Specifications were posted on the web pages of the Purchasing Division, the Georgia Procurement Registry, and DemandStar on September 26, 2025. This RFP has been advertised, opened and evaluated. Five (5) proposals were received on October 22, 2025.

The responding vendors were:

T Hudson Risk Advisors LLC (Peachtree Corners, GA)

PMA Management Corp (Blue Bell, PA)

*Hettrick Cyr & Associates Inc. (Glastonbury, CT)

*Lanier Home Restoration (Lagrange, GA)

*Sky Chronicle LC (Columbus, GA)

*The proposal submitted by Hettrick Cyr & Associates Inc., Lanier Home Restoration, and Sky Chronicle LC were deemed non-responsive due to the exclusion of multiple required items.

The following events took place after receipt of the proposals:

RFP MEETINGS/EVENTS		
Description	Date	Agenda/Action

Pre-Evaluation	12/03/25	The Purchasing Manager advised evaluation committee members of the RFP rules and process. The proposals were distributed to the committee.	Item #C.
1 st Evaluation	12/17/25	The Evaluation Committee discussed each proposal and determined that clarifications were required.	
Clarification Letter to Vendors	1/06/26	Clarification request letters forwarded to vendors.	
Clarification Letters Vendors Responses	1/29/26	The final clarification letters were received and forwarded to the Committee for review.	
Committee Review of Clarification Responses	2/16/26	No further clarifications were requested and the voting Committee members indicated they were ready to begin evaluations	
Evaluation Ballots Sent to Committee	02/16/26	Evaluation forms forwarded to voting committee members.	
Evaluation Ballots Received	07/09/26	The final set of evaluation forms were received from voting committee members.	
Recommendation Received	07/10/26	The voting Committee members unanimously recommended awarding the contract to T Hudson Risk Advisors LLC, the highest scoring vendor.	

Evaluation Committee:

The proposals were reviewed by an Evaluation Committee, which consisted of five voting members: one member from the Columbus Police Department; one member from the Engineering Department; one member from the Civic Center; one member from the Risk Management and one member from METRA.

Two representatives from the Human Resources Department and one representative from the Columbus Fire & EMS Department served as alternate voters.

Serving as a non-voting advisor was one representative from the Human Resources Department.

Award Recommendation:

The Evaluation Committee unanimously recommends award of the contract to T Hudson Risk Advisors LLC (Peachtree Corners, GA), the highest scoring vendor, as reflected by their comments provided below:

- Local Georgia based company. It's apparent that they have studied CCG and our needs to be an effective vendor. Very experienced and knowledgeable in their work. Their references with other municipalities in Georgia. Very hands on company.
- T. Hudson is a Georgia-based firm with a deep understanding of how Columbus Consolidated Government operates. Their extensive experience and expertise position them to effectively address the unique risks associated with the Columbus Consolidated Government. In addition, they offer a robust library of training resources and materials that can be made available to support the Government's ongoing safety and risk-management efforts.
- All references provided by T. Hudson are Georgia entities, showing their direct experience with municipalities across the state. Their service offerings include on-site visits, 24/7/365 access to online portals, assistance with establishing safety committees, facility inspection, and work-zone evaluations.

- Their software system, AMS360, offers an integrated framework that gives you easy, real-time access to all service requests through a dedicated, secure portal. This system is designed to ensure that you have full visibility into any important details, giving you the peace of mind that comes with knowing your information is always accessible and well-organized.

Vendor Experience/Qualifications:

- T Hudson Risk Advisors LLC has provided effective insurance and reinsurance solutions for commercial clients, including public entities, since 2018. With extensive experience serving municipalities across the state, the firm delivers tailored risk management and insurance programs designed to meet the unique needs of local governments and other commercial organizations.
- T Hudson Risk Advisors LLC boasts \$25 million dollars in written premium and has access to hundreds of carrier markets.
- The Key Personnel of T Hudson Risk Advisors LLC have nearly 50 years' experience in loss control services.

Client Work History:

- City of Fayetteville 09/2015- 02/2024
Fayetteville, GA Contract Value: \$12,000
Insurance agent for property, casualty, and workers compensation. Stand-alone loss control services.
- City of Woodstock 09/2015-02/2024
Woodstock, GA Contract Value: \$12,000
Insurance agent for property, casualty, and workers compensation. Stand-alone loss control services.
- Macon Water Authority 09/2015-Current
Macon, GA Contract Value: \$19,000
Insurance agent for property and casualty. Stand-alone loss control services.

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

The recommended firm's cost proposal is within the Department's budget based upon the expected level of services. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: Risk Management Int Serv Fund - Human Resources – Unfunded Claims – Risk Management – Operating Materials; 0860-220-3830-RISK-6728.

A RESOLUTION**NO.**_____**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH T HUDSON RISK ADVISORS LLC (PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA) TO PROVIDE LOSS CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT ON AN “AS NEEDED” BASIS.**

WHEREAS, an RFP was administered (RFP No. 26-0011) and Five (5) proposals were received; and,

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by **T Hudson Risk Advisors LLC**, met all proposal requirements and was evaluated most responsive to the RFP; and,

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

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute an annual contract with T Hudson Risk Advisors LLC (Peachtree Corners, GA) for grant writing services for the Columbus Consolidated Government on an “as needed” basis. The recommended firm’s cost proposal is within the Department’s budget based upon the expected level of services. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: Risk Management Int Serv Fund - Human Resources – Unfunded Claims – Risk Management – Operating Materials ; 0860-220-3830-RISK-6728.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
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Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
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Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

D. Stone Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0037

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Stone Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0037
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of stone from Columbus Quarry, LLC (Columbus, GA) on an “as needed” basis. The estimated annual contract value is \$163,273.00, which is based on the average annual usage and the amount budgeted by the Public Works Department.

The Department uses approximately five hundred tons of various grades of stone per month for drainage ditches, parking lots and along rights-of-way around the City.

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

Bid specifications were posted on the web pages of the Purchasing Division, Georgia Procurement Registry, and DemandStar. Three (3) bids were received on June 17, 2026. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. The bidders were:

Funds will be budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: Paving Fund –Public Works – Repairs and Maintenance – Street Repairs & Maintenance – Road Maintenance; 0203-260-3110-REPR-6726.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF STONE SUPPLIES FROM COLUMBUS QUARRY, LLC (COLUMBUS, GA) ON AN “AS NEEDED” BASIS, FOR THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL CONTRACT VALUE OF \$163,273.00.

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department uses approximately five hundred tons of various grades of stone per month for drainage ditches, parking lots and along right-of-ways around the City; and,

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

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

That the City Manager and/or designee is hereby authorized to purchase stone from Columbus Quarry, LLC (Columbus, GA), on an “as needed” basis, for the estimated annual contract value of \$163,273.00. Funds will be budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: Paving Fund – Public Works – Repairs and Maintenance – Street Repairs & Maintenance – Road Maintenance; 0203-260-3110-REPR-6726.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
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Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

RFB No: 26-0037
Date: June 18, 2026
Bid: Stone (Annual Contract)

Description/Size	COLUMBUS QUARRY, LLC (COLUMBUS, GA)				GREEN DREAM INTERNATIONAL LLC (ERIE, PA)				VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY (COLUMBUS, GA)			
	VENDOR CLASSIFICATION/ VENDOR SIZE	EST. TON USAGE	PER TON UNIT PRICE	PER TON PRICE F.O.B. SITE DELIVERY X EST. TON USAGE	VENDOR CLASSIFICATION/ VENDOR SIZE	EST. TON USAGE	PER TON UNIT PRICE	PER TON PRICE F.O.B. SITE DELIVERY X EST. TON USAGE	VENDOR CLASSIFICATION/ VENDOR SIZE	EST. TON USAGE	PER TON UNIT PRICE	PER TON PRICE F.O.B. SITE DELIVERY X EST. TON USAGE
1. # 3 Stone 1" to 2"	✓	600	\$33.75	\$20,250.00		600	No Bid	No Bid	1 - 2.5"	600	\$34.00	\$20,400.00
2. # 34 Stone 1" to 2 ½ "	✓	600	\$33.75	\$20,250.00		600	No Bid	No Bid		600	No Bid	No Bid
3. # 5 Stone 2" to 3/4"	1 - 3/4"	600	\$33.50	\$20,100.00		600	No Bid	No Bid	1/2" - 1"	600	\$34.00	\$20,400.00
4. # 57 Commercial 1/4" to 1"	#VALUE!	600	\$33.50	\$20,100.00		600	No Bid	No Bid	1/4" - 1"	600	\$34.00	\$20,400.00
5. # 6 Stone 1/4" to 3/4"	#VALUE!	600	\$33.50	\$20,100.00		600	No Bid	No Bid	3/8" - 3/4"	600	\$36.00	\$21,600.00
6. # 67 Stone 1/8" to 3/4"	#VALUE!	1,200	\$33.50	\$40,200.00		1,200	No Bid	No Bid	3/4 - minus	1,200	\$38.00	\$45,600.00
7. # 7 Stone 1/8" to 2"	1/8 - 1/2"	1,200	\$35.75	\$42,900.00		1,200	No Bid	No Bid	1/2" -	1,200	\$40.00	\$48,000.00
8. # 89 Stone 1/8" to 3/8"	✓	1,200	\$35.75	\$42,900.00		1,200	No Bid	No Bid	3/8" -	1,200	\$38.00	\$45,600.00
9. #810 SCREENING 1/4"	✓	1,200	\$26.00	\$31,200.00		1,200	No Bid	No Bid	3/8" - dust	1,200	\$18.00	\$21,600.00
10. M-10 SCREENING 1/8"	✓	1,300	\$16.00	\$20,800.00		1,300	No Bid	No Bid	3/8" - dust	1,300	\$18.00	\$23,400.00
11. CRUSHED STONE BASE 1/2"	✓	6,000	\$17.50	\$105,000.00		6,000	No Bid	No Bid	1.5" - dust	6,000	\$22.00	\$132,000.00
12. SURGE STONE GRADED MIX (4" to 6")	3 - 8"	6,000	\$36.00	\$216,000.00		6,000	No Bid	No Bid	4" - 5"	6,000	\$34.00	\$204,000.00
13. RIP-RAP: TYPE I 24"	8 - 24"	600	\$38.00	\$22,800.00		600	No Bid	No Bid	18" - 24"	600	\$42.00	\$25,200.00
14. RIP-RAP: TYPE III 12"	3 - 12"	6,000	\$37.00	\$222,000.00		6,000	No Bid	No Bid	12" - minus	6,000	\$42.00	\$252,000.00
15. GRADED AGGREGATE BASE (G.A.B.)	✓	6,000	\$22.50	\$135,000.00		6,000	No Bid	No Bid	1.5" - dust	6,000	\$22.00	\$132,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED F.O.B. JOB SITE DELIVERY	✓	\$979,600.00			No Bid				\$1,012,200.00			
1. # 3 Stone 1" to 2"		600	\$41.75	\$25,050.00	Total Small Business	600	\$49.02	\$29,412.00	1 - 2.5"	600	\$43.00	\$25,800.00
2. # 34 Stone 1" to 2 ½ "	✓	600	\$41.75	\$25,050.00		600	\$49.02	\$29,412.00		600	No Bid	No Bid
3. # 5 Stone 2" to 3/4"	1 - 3/4"	600	\$41.50	\$24,900.00		600	\$49.02	\$29,412.00	1/2" - 1"	600	\$43.00	\$25,800.00
4. # 57 Commercial 1/4" to 1"	#VALUE!	600	\$41.50	\$24,900.00		600	\$49.02	\$29,412.00	1/4" - 1"	600	\$43.00	\$25,800.00
5. # 6 Stone 1/4" to 3/4"	#VALUE!	600	\$41.50	\$24,900.00		600	\$49.02	\$29,412.00	3/8" - 3/4"	600	\$45.00	\$27,000.00
6. # 67 Stone 1/8" to 3/4"	#VALUE!	1,200	\$41.50	\$49,800.00		1,200	\$53.58	\$64,296.00	3/4 minus	1,200	\$47.00	\$56,400.00
7. # 7 Stone 1/8" to 2"	1/8 - 1/2"	1,200	\$43.75	\$52,500.00		1,200	\$55.86	\$67,032.00	1/2" minus	1,200	\$49.00	\$58,800.00
8. # 89 Stone 1/8" to 3/8"	✓	1,200	\$43.75	\$52,500.00		1,200	\$53.58	\$64,296.00	3/8" minus	1,200	\$38.00	\$45,600.00
9. #810 SCREENING 1/4"	✓	1,200	\$34.00	\$40,800.00		1,200	\$30.78	\$36,936.00	3/8" - dust	1,200	\$27.00	\$32,400.00
10. M-10 SCREENING 1/8"	✓	1,300	\$24.00	\$31,200.00		1,300	\$30.78	\$40,014.00	3/8" - dust	1,300	\$27.00	\$35,100.00
11. CRUSHED STONE BASE 1/2"	✓	6,000	\$26.00	\$156,000.00		6,000	\$35.34	\$212,040.00	1.5" - dust	6,000	\$31.00	\$186,000.00
12. SURGE STONE GRADED MIX (4" to 6")	3 - 8"	6,000	\$45.00	\$270,000.00		6,000	\$49.02	\$294,120.00	4" - 5"	6,000	\$43.00	\$258,000.00
13. RIP-RAP: TYPE I 24"	8 - 24"	600	\$48.00	\$28,800.00		600	\$67.26	\$40,356.00	18" - 24"	600	\$59.00	\$35,400.00
14. RIP-RAP: TYPE III 12"	3 - 12"	6,000	\$46.00	\$276,000.00		6,000	\$60.42	\$362,520.00	12" minus	6,000	\$53.00	\$318,000.00
15. GRADED AGGREGATE BASE (G.A.B.)	✓	6,000	\$30.50	\$183,000.00		6,000	\$35.34	\$212,040.00	1.5" - dust	6,000	\$31.00	\$186,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED F.O.B. JOB SITE DELIVERY		\$1,265,400.00			\$1,540,710.00				\$1,316,100.00			
GRAND TOTAL ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE (PLANT PICK-UP AND F.O.B.)		\$2,245,000.00			\$1,540,710.00				\$2,328,300.00			

File Attachments for Item:

E. Agricultural Chemicals (Annual Contract) – BuyBoard Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Agricultural Chemicals (Annual Contract) – BuyBoard Cooperative Contract Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of agricultural chemicals from SiteOne Landscape Supply (Cleveland, OH), by cooperative purchasing via BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative Contract No. 805-26 and No. 806-26. Parks and Recreation budgets approximately \$55,000.00 and Public Works budgets approximately \$33,000.00 annually for the purchase of agricultural chemicals.

SiteOne will be utilized as an alternate source for agricultural chemical purchases for the Parks and Recreation Department to maintain ballfields and the Public Works Department to maintain City right-of-ways.

The purchases will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #805-26 and #806-26, which were initiated by the BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative, whereby SiteOne Landscape Supply was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Field and Turf Irrigation Products, Landscaping Products, and Specialty Conditioners/Soils per RFP No. 805-26 and Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Parts and Supplies per RFP No. 806-26. The contracts, which both commenced June 1, 2026, are good through May 31, 2029. The contracts available under BuyBoard have been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative streamlines the purchasing process for schools, municipalities, and other public entities across the nation. The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative is sponsored by various national and statewide associations around the country. The RFP process utilized by BuyBoard meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, Cooperative Purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

The contract will remain in effect through May 31, 2029. Any additional extensions shall coincide with contract extensions granted by BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative.

Funds will be budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense:

Parks and Recreation: General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Park Services – Horticulture/Landscaping Supplies, 0101-270-2100-PSRV-6727; General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Park Services – Grounds Maintenance, 0101-270-2100-PSRV-6576.

Public Works: Paving Fund – Public Works – Right of Way Maintenance – Horticulture/Landscaping Supplies; 0203-260-3120-ROWM-6727.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS FROM SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY (CLEVELAND, OH), BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING VIA BUYBOARD NATIONAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NO. 805-26 AND NO. 806-26. PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETS APPROXIMATELY \$55,000.00 AND PUBLIC WORKS BUDGETS APPROXIMATELY \$33,000.00 ANNUALLY FOR THE PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS.

WHEREAS, SiteOne will be utilized as an alternate source for agricultural chemical purchases for the Parks and Recreation Department to maintain ballfields and the Public Works Department to maintain City right-of-ways; and,

WHEREAS, the purchases will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #805-26 and #806-26, which were initiated by the BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative, whereby SiteOne Landscape Supply was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Field and Turf Irrigation Products, Landscaping Products, and Specialty Conditioners/Soils per RFP No. 805-26 and Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Parts and Supplies per RFP No. 806-26. The contracts, which both commenced June 1, 2026, are good through May 31, 2029. The contracts available under BuyBoard have been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative streamlines the purchasing process for schools, municipalities, and other public entities across the nation. The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative is sponsored by various national and statewide associations around the country. The RFP process utilized by BuyBoard meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, Cooperative Purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the contract will remain in effect through May 31, 2029. Any additional extensions shall coincide with contract extensions granted by BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative.

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

That the City Manager and/or designee is hereby authorized to purchase agricultural chemicals from SiteOne Landscape Supply (Cleveland, OH), by cooperative purchasing via BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative Contract No. 805-26 and No. 806-26. Parks and Recreation budgets approximately \$55,000.00 and Public Works budgets approximately \$33,000.00 annually for the purchase of agricultural chemicals. Funds will be budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense:

Parks and Recreation: General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Park Services – Horticulture/Landscaping Supplies, 0101-270-2100-PSRV-6727; General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Park Services – Grounds Maintenance, 0101-270-2100-PSRV-6576.

Public Works: Paving Fund – Public Works – Right of Way Maintenance – Horticulture/Landscaping Supplies; 0203-260-3120-ROWM-6727.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Cook	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

F. Integrated Transit System (Annual Contract) – Only Known Source

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Integrated Transit System (Annual Contract) – Only Known Source
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the annual contract with Syncromatics Corporation dba GMV Syncromatics (Los Angeles, CA) for an integrated transit system in the estimated annual amount of \$128,893.00 for METRA Transit System. This cost may increase based on the need for hardware/software upgrades and replacements. The contract term will be for a period of three (3) years, beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

The integrated transit system includes a public platform, automatic vehicle locators (AVL) and computer aided dispatch (CAD), which will allow METRA staff and passengers the ability to track revenue vehicles in real-time through a publicly available website and application. The automatic vehicle announcement (AVA) components will continue commitment to providing ADA-compliant automatic voice and Visual announcements, which will notify passengers of their location While riding and to announce other messages of public interest. The Fleet Health Monitoring/Maintenance Monitoring components will expand upon maintenance capabilities by providing real-time vehicle diagnostics. Components will give the METRA Maintenance team the ability to respond to issues quicker and further expand upon their abilities to resolve a problem before it becomes a more serious and costly issue.

The original purchase was completed via RFP No. 20-0015, which was awarded to Syncromatics Corporation on June 23, 2020, per Resolution No. 168-20. Per Resolution No. 201-23, dated June 13, 2023, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), METRA Transit System classified Syncromatics Corporation dba GMV Syncromatics as an Only Known Source because the system components, corresponding data system, and mobile phone application of the current integrated transit system are only supported by Syncromatics Corporation dba GMV Syncromatics. Changing vendors would require removal and replacement of the existing system components, data transfer to a new system, and the creation of a new public mobile phone app. Therefore, in keeping with FTA Circular 4220.1F, 11/01/18, Rev. 1, 04/14/09, Rev .2, 07/01/10, Rev .3, 02/15/11, Rev. 4, 03/18/13, Ch. VI. Pg18, Section c, it is likely that the award to another contractor would result in substantial duplication of costs that are not expected to be recovered through competition.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for ongoing expense: Transportation Fund – Transportation – FTA– Capital Expenditures over \$5,000; 0751-610-2400-MFTA-7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTRACT WITH SYNCROMATICS CORPORATION DBA GMV SYNCROMATICS (LOS ANGELES, CA) FOR AN INTEGRATED TRANSIT SYSTM IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$128,893.00 FOR METRA TRANSIT SYSTEM. THIS COST MAY INCREASE BASED ON THE NEED FOR HARDWARE/SOFTWARE UPGRADES AND REPLACEMENTS. THE CONTRACT TERM WILL BE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2029.

WHEREAS, the integrated transit system includes a public platform, automatic vehicle locators (AVL) and computer aided dispatch (CAD), which will allow METRA staff and passengers the ability to track revenue vehicles in real-time through a publicly available website and application. The automatic vehicle annunciation (AVA) components will continue commitment to providing ADA-compliant automatic voice and Visual announcements, which will notify passengers of their location While riding and to announce other messages of public interest. The Fleet Health Monitoring/Maintenance Monitoring components will expand upon maintenance capabilities by providing real-time vehicle diagnostics. Components will give the METRA Maintenance team the ability to respond to issues quicker and further expand upon their abilities to resolve a problem before it becomes a more serious and costly issue; and,

WHEREAS, the original purchase was completed via RFP No. 20-0015, which was awarded to Syncromatics Corporation on June 23, 2020, per Resolution No. 168-20. Per Resolution No. 201-23, dated June 13, 2023, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), METRA Transit System classified Syncromatics Corporation dba GMV Syncromatics as an Only Known Source because the system components, corresponding data system, and mobile phone application of the current integrated transit system are only supported by Syncromatics Corporation dba GMV Syncromatics. Changing vendors would require removal and replacement of the existing system components, data transfer to a new system, and the creation of a new public mobile phone app. Therefore, in keeping with FTA Circular 4220.1F, 11/01/18, Rev. 1, 04/14/09, Rev .2, 07/01/10, Rev .3, 02/15/11, Rev. 4, 03/18/13, Ch. VI. Pg18, Section c, it is likely that the award to another contractor would result in substantial duplication of costs that are not expected to be recovered through competition.

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

That the City Manager and/or designee is hereby authorized to approve the annual contract with Syncromatics Corporation dba GMV Syncromatics (Los Angeles, CA) for an integrated transit system in the estimated annual amount of \$128,893.00 for METRA Transit System. This cost may increase based on the need for hardware/software upgrades and replacements. The contract term will be for a period of three (3) years, beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for ongoing expense: Transportation Fund – Transportation – FTA– Capital Expenditures over \$5,000; 0751-610-2400-MFTA-7761.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2026 at _____ said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
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Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Cook	voting _____
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Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

G. Ten (10) Ford FPIU Explorers For Columbus Police Department– Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Ten (10) Ford FPIU Explorers For Columbus Police Department– Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of ten (10) 2027 Ford FPIU Explorers for the Columbus Police Department from Allan Vigil Ford (Morrow, Georgia) at a unit price of \$47,980.00 and a total cost of \$479,800.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000218-0002.

The vehicles will be assigned to on duty Columbus Police Officers. These vehicles are new.

Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000218-0002 is a cooperative contract whereby Allan Vigil Ford is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide administrative vehicles. The term of the contract is good through June 15, 2027. These contracts are available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are available in the FY27 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Automobiles; 0567-696-3111-STPS-7721-54151-20270.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TEN (10) FORD FPIU EXPLORERS FOR COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM ALLAN VIGIL FORD (MORROW, GEORGIA) AT A UNIT PRICE OF \$47,980.00 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$479,800.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT #99999-SPD0000218-002.

WHEREAS, The vehicles will be assigned to Columbus Police Department. The vehicles are new; and vehicles will be assigned to on duty Columbus Police Officers; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD0000218-002 is a cooperative contract whereby Allan Vigil Ford is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide administrative vehicles. The term of the contract is good through June 15, 2027. These contracts are available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase ten (10) 2027 Ford FPIU Explorers for the Columbus Police Department from Allan Vigil Ford (Morrow, Georgia) at a unit price of \$47,980.00 and a total cost of \$479,800.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000218-0002. Funds are available in the FY27 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Automobiles; 0567-696-3111-STPS-7721-54151-20270.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

H. One (1) Ford Explorer 4DR 4X4 (K8D) for Information Technology Department – Georgia
Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #H.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	One (1) Ford Explorer 4DR 4X4 (K8D) for Information Technology Department – Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of One (1) 2027 Explorer 4dr 4x4 Active (K8D) for the Information Technology Department from Wade Ford. (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$40,465.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000218-0001.

The vehicle will be used by Information Technology Department technicians and engineers to transport personnel and equipment to various locations within Columbus Consolidated Government. The vehicle is new.

Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000281-0001 is a cooperative contract whereby Wade Ford is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Administrative Vehicles. The term of the contract is good through June 15, 2027. The contract is available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2027 FORD EXPLORER 4DR 4X4 ACTIVE FOR THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT FROM WADE FORD (SMYRNA, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,465.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT #99999-SPD-SPD0000281-0001.

WHEREAS, the vehicle will be used by Information Technology Department technicians and engineers to transport personnel and equipment to various locations within Columbus Consolidated Government. The vehicles are new; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000281-0001 is a cooperative contract whereby Wade Ford is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Administrative Vehicles. The term of the contract is good through June 15, 2027. The contract is available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase One (1) 2027 Ford Explorer 4dr 4x4 Active for the Information Technology department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$40,465.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000281-0001. Funds are budgeted in the FY27 Budget: General Fund – Information Technology – Administration – Automobiles; 0101-210-1000-ISS-7721.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
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Councilor Tucker	voting _____

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

I. Contract Extension for HVAC Preventive Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0014

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #1.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Contract Extension for HVAC Preventive Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0014
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the extension of the annual contract for HVAC Preventative Maintenance Services through October 31, 2026, with 1st Mechanical Services, Inc., (Columbus, GA). The City spends approximately \$2,084,567.00 annually for HVAC maintenance and repairs.

Per Resolution No. 438-18, Council authorized the execution of a five-year contract with 1st Mechanical Services, Inc., (Columbus, GA) to provide HVAC Maintenance and repairs. The contract has exhausted all renewals and a previously authorized extension. The extension through October 31, 2026, is needed to allow the time to advertise a new RFB for the next contract. Council approval is required for this contract extension.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – Facilities Maintenance – Other Maintenance/Repairs – Building Maintenance. – Parks & Recreation and General Fund – Facilities Maintenance – Other Maintenance/Repairs – Building Maintenance – Public Safety and General Fund – Facilities Maintenance – Other Maintenance/Repairs – Building Maintenance – Gen. Gov't; 0101-265-3000-OMNT-6527 and 0101-265-3000-OMNT-6528 and 0101 – 265 – 3000 – OMNT - 6529.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR HVAC PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2026, WITH 1st MECHANICAL SERVICES, INC., (COLUMBUS, GA). THE CITY SPENDS APPROXIMATELY \$2,084,567.00 ANNUALLY FOR HVAC MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS.

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 438-18, Council authorized the execution of a five-year contract with 1st Mechanical Services, Inc., (Columbus, GA) to provide HVAC Maintenance and repairs. The contract has exhausted all renewals and a previously authorized extension. The extension through October 31, 2026, is needed to allow the time to advertise a new RFB for the next contract. Council approval is required for this contract extension.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to extend the annual contract for HVAC Preventative Maintenance Services through October 31, 2026, with 1st Mechanical Services, INC., (Columbus, GA, to provide HVAC Maintenance. The City spends approximately \$2,084,567.00 annually for HVAC Maintenance. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – Facilities Maintenance – Other Maintenance/Repairs – Building Maintenance. – Parks & Recreation. and General Fund – Facilities Maintenance – Other Maintenance/Repairs – Building Maintenance – Public Safety and General Fund – Facilities Maintenance – Other Maintenance/Repairs – Building Maintenance – Gen. Gov’t; 0101-265-3000-OMNT-6527 and 0101-265-3000-OMNT-6528 and 0101 – 265 – 3000 – OMNT - 6529.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
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Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

J. Contract Amendment for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for SPLOST
Fire Stations – RFQ No. 23-0002

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Contract Amendment for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for SPLOST Fire Stations – RFQ No. 23-0002
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of a contract amendment in an amount not to exceed \$4,100,000.00 with Thayer-Bray Construction, LLC for the renovation of Fire Station #4.

Per Resolution No. 144-23, dated April 11, 2023, Council authorized the execution of a contract with Thayer-Bray Construction, LLC, for construction manager as general contractor services for the new Fire Station #5. As part of that contract, the City retained the option to add additional Fire Station projects to the original contract following the completion of Fire Station #5.

This contract amendment includes the total cost to construct the renovation/addition to Fire Station #4 located at 200 North Oakley Drive. The renovated station will meet all requirements of a modern station as specified by the Columbus Fire and EMS.

The funding for the renovation to Fire Station #4 is available from the 2021 SPLOST. The original budget for the renovation to Fire Station #4 was set at \$3,500,000.00, however this budget did not provide a project that would meet the needs of the Columbus Fire and EMS. Staff provided an update to Council on the budgetary concerns of the renovation on 07/29/2025. By approving this resolution, Council authorizes additional funding to be dedicated to Fire Station #4 from the renovation budget for Fire Station #6 which is also funded by SPLOST.

Funding for this amendment is available from the 2021 SPLOST: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Professional Services; 0567-696-3111-STPS-6311-54157-20260.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,100,000.00 WITH THAYER-BRAY CONSTRUCTION, LLC, FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AS GENERAL CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR THE RENOVATION OF FIRE STATION #4.

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 144-23, dated April 11, 2023, Council authorized the execution of a contract with Thayer-Bray Construction, LLC, for construction manager as general contractor services for the new Fire Station #5. As part of that contract, the City retained the option to add additional Fire Station projects to the original contract following the completion of Fire Station #5; and,

WHEREAS, the contract amendment includes the total cost to construct the renovation/addition to Fire Station #4 located at 200 North Oakley Drive. The renovated station will meet all requirements of a modern station as specified by the Columbus Fire and EMS; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the renovation to Fire Station #4 is available from the 2021 SPLOST. The original budget for the renovation to Fire Station #4 was set at \$3,500,000.00, however this budget did not provide a project that would meet the needs of the Columbus Fire and EMS. By approving this resolution, Council authorizes additional funding to be dedicated to Fire Station #4 from the renovation budget for Fire Station #6 which is also funded by the 2021 SPLOST.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized execute a contract amendment in the amount not to exceed \$4,100,000.00 with Thayer-Bray Construction, LLC for construction manager as general contractor services for the renovation of Fire Station #4. Funding for this amendment is available from the 2021 SPLOST: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Professional Services; 0567-696-3111-STPS-6311-54157-20260.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of members of said Council.

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Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

K. Contract Amendment for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for SPLOST
Fire Stations – RFQ No. 23-0002

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #K.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Contract Amendment for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for SPLOST Fire Stations – RFQ No. 23-0002
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of a contract amendment in an amount not to exceed \$4,800,000.00 with Thayer-Bray Construction, LLC for the renovation of Fire Station #8.

Per Resolution No. 144-23, dated April 11, 2023, Council authorized the execution of a contract with Thayer-Bray Construction, LLC, for construction manager as general contractor services for the new Fire Station #5. As part of that contract, the City retained the option to add additional Fire Station projects to the original contract following the completion of Fire Station #5.

This contract amendment includes the total cost to construct the renovation/addition to Fire Station #8 located at 5844 Whitesville Road. The renovated station will meet all requirements of a modern station as specified by the Columbus Fire and EMS.

The funding for the renovation to Fire Station #8 is available from the 2021 SPLOST. The original budget for the renovation to Fire Station #8 was set at \$3,500,000.00, however this budget did not provide a project that would meet the needs of the Columbus Fire and EMS. Staff provided an update to Council on the budgetary concerns of the renovation on 07/29/2025. By approving this resolution, Council authorizes additional funding to be dedicated to Fire Station #8 from the renovation budget for Fire Station #6 which is also funded by SPLOST.

Funding for this amendment is available from the 2021 SPLOST: \$30,000: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Professional Services; 0567-696-3111-STPS-6311-54155-20240 and \$4,770,000: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Professional Services; 0567-696-3111-STPS-6311-54155-20250.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,800,000.00 WITH THAYER-BRAY CONSTRUCTION, LLC, FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AS GENERAL CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR THE RENOVATION OF FIRE STATION #8.

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 144-23, dated April 11, 2023, Council authorized the execution of a contract with Thayer-Bray Construction, LLC, for construction manager as general contractor services for the new Fire Station #5. As part of that contract, the City retained the option to add additional Fire Station projects to the original contract following the completion of Fire Station #5; and,

WHEREAS, the contract amendment includes the total cost to construct the renovation/addition to Fire Station #8 located at 5844 Whitesville Road. The renovated station will meet all requirements of a modern station as specified by the Columbus Fire and EMS; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the renovation to Fire Station #8 is available from the 2021 SPLOST. The original budget for the renovation to Fire Station #8 was set at \$3,500,000.00, however this budget did not provide a project that would meet the needs of the Columbus Fire and EMS. By approving this resolution, Council authorizes additional funding to be dedicated to Fire Station #8 from the renovation budget for Fire Station #6 which is also funded by the 2021 SPLOST.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized execute a contract amendment in the amount not to exceed \$4,800,000.00 with Thayer-Bray Construction, LLC for construction manager as general contractor services for the renovation of Fire Station #8. Funding for this amendment is available from the 2021 SPLOST: \$30,000: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Professional Services; 0567-696-3111-STPS-6311-54155-20240 and \$4,770,000: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Professional Services; 0567-696-3111-STPS-6311-54155-20250.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
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Councilor Garrett voting _____.

Councilor Huff voting _____.

Councilor Tucker voting _____.

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

A. Compensation and Classification Study Update - Mark Holcomb, Project Manager, Evergreen Solutions

Columbus Consolidated Government Compensation and Classification Study: Implementation Review and Ongoing Administration



**Presented by:
Mark Holcombe**



July 28th, 2026

Overview

Item #A.

- Evergreen Overview
- Study Goals
- Employee Meetings
- Current System Findings
- Market Results
- Recommendations
- Costs & Methodology



- **National Public Sector Consulting Experience**
 - Based in Tallahassee, FL
 - Work in 46 States
 - Extensive Experience with Cities and Counties
 - Over 1,600 Compensation and/or Classification Studies
 - Full-service Human Resources Consulting Practice

- **Human Resources Clients**
 - Local Governments
 - Colleges and Universities
 - School Districts
 - Quasi-Governmental Organizations
 - Non-Profits



Study Goals

Item #A.

- Review current compensation and classification systems to ensure internal alignment.
- Survey peer organizations to ensure external alignment.
- Produce recommendations to provide the organization with a compensation and classification system that is appropriately aligned, both internally and externally.



Employee Meetings

Item #A.

Positive Comments

- **Benefits** – The City’s employees expressed that the benefits package played a positive role in affecting morale. Specific benefits mentioned were the time off, health care, and work-life balance.
- **Culture** – Several employees described the quality of people they work with and others mentioned the service-oriented mission of the City.
- **Schedule** – With a few exceptions, employees expressed their satisfaction with the hours worked, leading to a greater work-life balance.

Concerns

- **External Equity** – Employees expressed concerns with the external equity at the City compared to market peers.
- **Internal Equity** – There was lots of concern among employees about compression, specifically that employees weren’t advancing steps and that was causing them to be paid the same amount as new hires when they have significantly more experience.
- **Workload** – Some employees referenced staffing levels, others said they were doing things not captured by their job descriptions.



Current System Findings

Item #A.

- **Strength:**

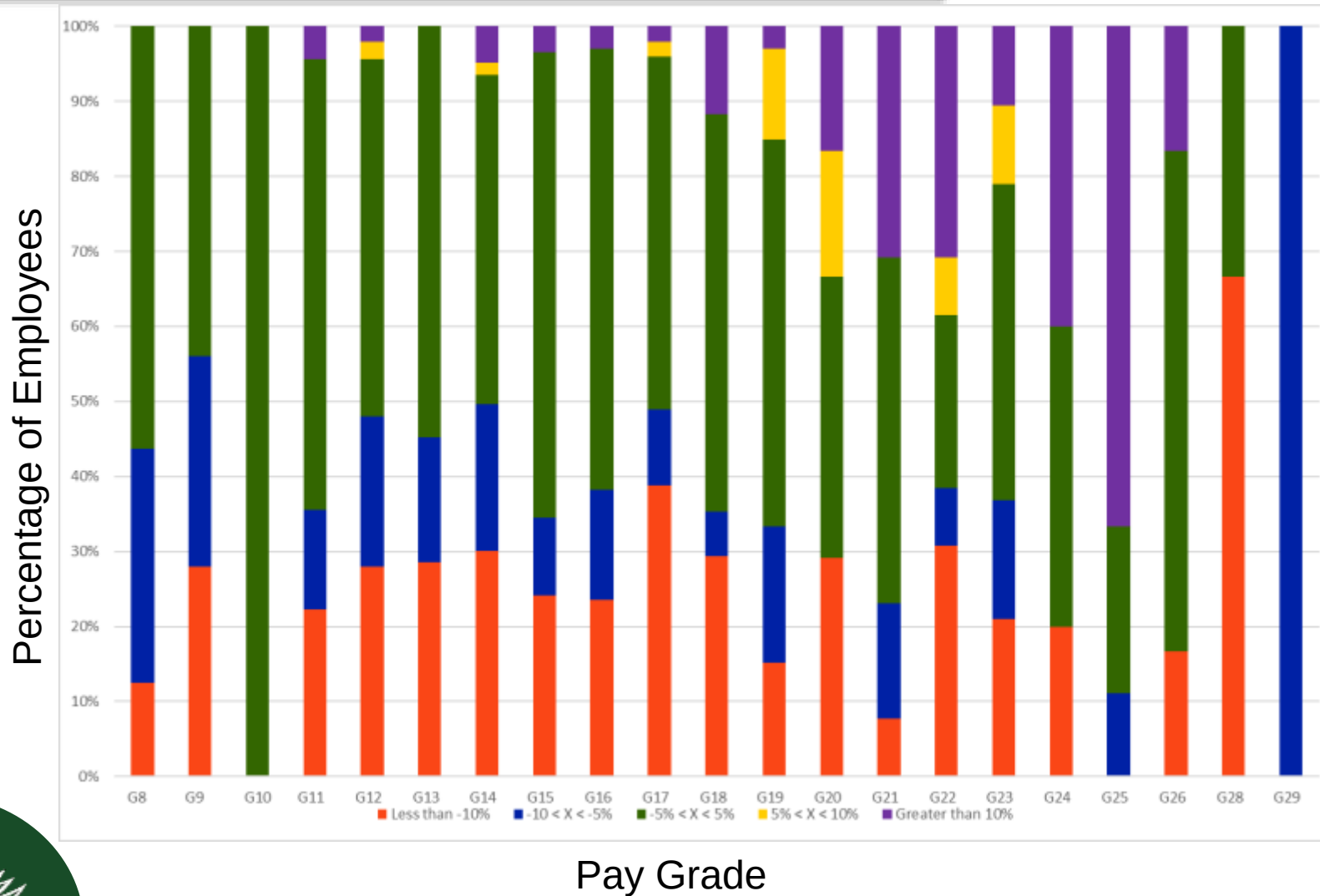
- The City possesses a simple and easy to understand pay structure.
- The City's pay plan has a high degree of consistency between grades.

- **Weakness:**

- The City has not advanced employees through their pay ranges at a rate consistent with expected progression.
- More than 80 percent of employees are below midpoint of their pay grade. More than 50 percent of employees are in Quartile 1 of their pay grade.
- There is compression between employees and supervisors and between highly-tenured employees and new hires.

Expected Pay Analysis

Item #A.



Market Targets

Item #A.

- Salary survey resulted in responses from nineteen peers.
- All responses are adjusted for cost-of-living differentials.
- More than 125 positions were benchmarked vs. the market, and the survey returned 7.0 matches per position.

Target Organization	Population	COLI	Per Capita Income
Columbus Consolidated Government, GA	206,922	93.77	\$26,097.00
Georgia Cities and Counties			
Albany, GA	69,647	89.41	\$20,313.00
Savannah, GA	147,780	95.80	\$25,664.00
Cobb County, GA	766,149	104.45	\$40,031.00
DeKalb County, GA	764,382	103.00	\$36,077.00
Forsyth County, GA	251,283	103.93	\$43,832.00
Fulton County, GA	1,066,710	112.87	\$47,163.00
Gwinnett County, GA	957,062	97.53	\$30,636.00
Hall County, GA	203,136	95.69	\$29,680.00
Henry County, GA	240,712	92.92	\$29,889.00
Athens-Clarke County, GA (Consolidated)	127,315	92.91	\$23,726.00
Augusta-Richmond County, GA (Consolidated)	202,081	90.54	\$22,709.00
Macon-Bibb County, GA (Consolidated)	157,346	92.64	\$25,640.00
Alabama Cities and Counties			
Auburn, AL	76,143	93.06	\$28,510.00
Phenix City, AL	38,816	91.45	\$23,397.00
Other			
Chattanooga, TN	181,099	95.88	\$30,592.00
Fayetteville, NC	208,564	93.58	\$24,823.00
Jacksonville, FL	949,611	103.32	\$30,064.00
Knoxville, TN	190,740	96.71	\$26,340.00
Muscogee County School District	-	93.77	-
Private Sector Databases	-	-	-

Market Results

Item #A.

Unadjusted Results (no cost-of-living adjustment)			Adjusted Results (cost-of-living adjusted)		
Minimum	Midpoint	Maximum	Minimum	Midpoint	Maximum
-8.0%	-7.3%	-6.5%	-4.6%	-3.7%	-2.9%

- A negative differential indicates the City is behind at that market position on average.
- The results show the importance of cost-of-living adjustments when comparing to the market. The City is close to ten percent behind market when comparing at the minimum without an adjustment, but only half as far behind when adjusting for cost of living.



Key Recommendations

Item #A.

1. Adopt an adjusted pay plan with a reformatted step system. The newly recommended pay plan has consistent range spreads, consistent progression between grades, and 1.0% between steps.
2. Reassign pay grades to positions based on internal equity and the market results. Some positions will see larger adjustments than others due to the market response.
3. Place employees within their newly recommended pay grades. Select an implementation methodology that aligns with the compensation philosophy and financial means of the City.



Methodology Details

Item #A.

1. Zone based approach moves employees based on their time in classification. Zone 1 is 0-3 years in classification, Zone 2 is 3-6 years, etc. Employees in each zone are all moved to the same place in their new pay grade (e.g., employees in Zone 1 are near the minimum, Zone 2 employees are progressed slightly further, etc.).
No salaries are reduced as a result of this study.
2. Longevity based approach also moves employees based on time in classification. Employees receive a step for each year in rank and then are adjusted using the same zones as listed above. Going forward, Public Safety employees will receive an additional step at each longevity “milestone” (after years 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 20, etc.).
No salaries are reduced as a result of this study.



Methodology Details Cont.

Item #A.

- Public Safety positions are being moved to pay ranges “above and beyond” projected market placement based on the significant recruitment and retention concerns as well as significant projected market movement. Salaries are detailed further on the next slide.
- Classifications requiring a CDL will also be moved above and beyond market to a starting rate of \$21.00/hour based on an internal equity scale placing certain positions (e.g., Bus Driver, Fleet Tech II, Motor Equipment Operator III, etc.) at a rate starting at \$21.00/hour. Other positions with CDL’s will move similarly with some coming in slightly below and some coming in slightly higher.
- **With the addition of the 25% cap, many of the CDL positions will have their increases capped at 25%**



Public Safety - Above and Beyond

Item #A.

- Recommended starting pay grade placement of the Police Officer, Sheriff Deputy, and Firefighter classification at \$45,000.
- Public Safety would continue to receive the OLOST supplement. Police Officer starting pay with supplement would start at \$50,121 and the other classifications would start at \$48,121.
- Pay Reform is factored into the new pay structure, so all employees would keep their current Pay Reform. There is a new Longevity adjustment for Public Safety employees going forward.

Recommended Classification	Recommended Grade	Recommended Minimum	Recommended Midpoint	Recommended Maximum
POLICE OFFICER	PS1	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 57,359.65	\$ 69,719.29
DPTY SHERIFF	PS1	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 57,359.65	\$ 69,719.29
FIREFIGHTER/ EMT	F1	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 57,359.65	\$ 69,719.29
CORRECTIONAL OFFICER	C1	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 54,173.00	\$ 65,846.00

Public Safety “Above and Beyond” & General Government costs (w/\$21 per hour for CDLs)

General Employees	Total Salary-Only Cost	Number of Employees Adjusted	Average Adjustment for Impacted Employees	% of Payroll
Parity-Zone	\$ 6,251,071.09	1180	\$ 5,297.52	13.6%
Public Safety	Total Salary-Only Cost	Number of Employees Adjusted	Average Adjustment for Impacted Employees	% of Payroll
Longevity-Zone	\$ 7,141,743.46	1028	\$ 6,947.22	15.5%
Combined Totals	\$ 13,392,814.55	\$ 2,208.00	\$ 6,122.37	14.5%



Employee Increases

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Total Increases Above “X” Percent

Increase	#	%
0.0%	2207	100.0%
5.0%	1875	85.0%
10.0%	1475	66.8%
15.0%	1097	49.7%
20.0%	792	35.9%
25.0%	493	22.3%

Increases Between “X” and “Y” Percent

Increase	#	%
0-5%	332	15.0%
5-10%	400	18.1%
10-15%	378	17.1%
15-20%	305	13.8%
20-25%	299	13.5%
>25%	493	22.3%



CCG Changes – Post Study

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Fiscal Year	COLA (For Classified FT Employees)
FY2024 (effective 07/01/2023)	1.0%
FY2025 (effective 07/01/2024)	2.0%
FY2026* (effective 01/01/2026)	3.0%
FY2027 (effective 07/01/2026)	2.0%
Total	8.0%

Fiscal Year	CPI Increase	ECI Increase
FY24	4.1%	4.8%
FY25	3.0%	4.8%
FY26	2.7%	4.0%
FY27	3.1%	3.5%
Totals	12.9%	17.1%

* Increased Minimum Starting Salary on GG & PS Pay Scales by 1%

- 2022 – Educational incentive for sworn employees
- 2022 – Career ladder for Official Court Reporters
- 2024 – Pay adjustment for sworn employees
- 2026 – Pay adjustment for MCP Sworn Officers

- With 8% COLA/step increases for employees, compression should be less prevalent. This is a major win compared to the last study.
- However, pay grade movement has been more limited. GG grades have moved by 1.0%. Public Safety has moved an average of 7.5%, but the wider market has likely moved by 12-20%.
- It is impossible to definitely assess your specific market without a study of your peers, but it is highly likely a market gap has been created as a result of pay movement by peers since implementation.



- Compensation should be evaluated 3 ways each year:
 1. Pay Ranges should be evaluated and moved, at least slightly, to avoid creating a market gap. Peers typically move pay ranges ~2.0% annually.
 2. Individual classifications should be evaluated for pay grade changes as needed. This should be done for roles experiencing high turnover, recruitment challenges, etc.
 3. Individual pay should be adjusted with a step increase annually. The goal is to grant an average of 1.5 steps per year to avoid compression building over time.
- Citywide evaluations should occur every 3-5 years. These can be done internally or with external assistance, but it is important to take a wider view periodically to assess internal/external alignment.



Thank you

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File Attachments for Item:

1. Honorary Designation Application: Submitted by Mr. W. Greg Herring to rename the Boxwood Recreation Center to the “Jerry ‘Pops’ Barnes Center”. *(Request to forward to the Board of Honor for consideration.)*

City of Columbus, GA
Honorary Designation Application

(Please Print or Type)

APPLICANT NAME: W Greg Herring

PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

NAME OF HONOREE: *Jerry "Pops" Barnes*
 (AS IT WOULD APPEAR ON SIGN OR FACILITY):

LIVING OR DECEASED: *Deceased*
 (CIRCLE ONE)

REQUESTED LOCATION: *Boxwood Recreation Center, 1068 Enoch Dr, Columbus GA 31906*

TYPE OF TRIBUTE OR REMEMBRANCE: *Renaming the Boxwood Recreation Center to the Jerry "Pops" Barnes Center*

CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA, WHICH ARE USED IN THE EVALUATION FOR EACH REQUEST FOR AN HONORARY DESIGNATION. USE ADDITIONAL PAPER IF REQUIRED. IN ADDITION, HONOREE MUST BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.

HISTORICAL AND/OR CULTURAL INFLUENCE OF THE HONOREE ON THE CITY:

List of Honors and Accomplishments:

- *2016 Family Caregiver Award*
- *2018 Living Legends Award*
- *2019 United States Postal Service Purple Heart Award*
- *2020 Distinguished Older Georgian Award*
- *2021 New Horizons Behavioral Health Impact Award*
- *2023 Columbus State University (CSU) Legacy Award*
- *2023 Columbus State University Alumni Award*
- *2023 River Valley Regional Commission Council Chairman Appreciation Award*

PROVIDE PROOF OF SIGNIFICANT LINEAGE OR FAMILY TIES TO THE CITY:

As his daughter, Simi Barnes, takes over his old seat as District 1 Councilor, a new family legacy is born.

ESTABLISH CLEAR GEOGRAPHICAL RELATIONSHIP TO THE AREA OR PLACE OF INTEREST OF THE HONOREE:

After the Boxwood Recreation Center had been closed for ten years, Councilor Barnes spearheaded its reopening in 2013. With his support the Boxwood Soccer Club, the Boxwood Community Center, the Boxwood and Friends And Neighborhood Network were

established at the Boxwood Center. With his leadership the East Carver Heights Community Development Corporation was started in 2021, these programs continue to this day.

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CLEARLY DEFINED COMMUNITY OR PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE HONOREE:

St. Thomas and Boxwood Soccer were deeply blessed to know Pops Barnes. He was a tireless advocate for his district and for the whole community. Pops served as a connector. He connected his constituents to city leaders by being available and listening. He connected people who were trying to help the community to one another so their efforts could multiply. He connected children and seniors to resources available to them. He connected Boxwood Soccer to Columbus Parks and Rec and to the City's Crime Prevention Grants program, which enabled the soccer program to grow and thrive. His memory is a blessing in this community. My hope is that remembering Pops will inspire others to lead and serve with his commitment, compassion, and joy.

The Rev. Grace Burton-Edwards, DMin
Rector, St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Dean, Chattahoochee Valley Convocation

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: *W. Greg Herring*

DATE: July 7, 2026

Send this completed application to the Deputy Clerk of Council at tcolbert@columbusga.org

For questions, please contact the Clerk of Council's office at (706) 653-4013.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date application was received by the Clerk of Council: _____

Date application was submitted to the appropriate City Department to verify any conflicts for the placement of the tribute or remembrance and the requested honorary designation: _____

Date response received from the City Department: _____

Any conflicts identified: YES _____ NO _____

If so, give explanation and contact requestor: _____

Total cost associated with request: _____

Date listed on Clerk of Council's agenda for the consideration of Council: _____

Date reviewed by the Board of Honor: _____

Official action taken: _____

Upon approval from the Board of Honor, date resolution or ordinance listed for adoption by Council:

Resolution No. _____

Ordinance No. _____

Additional Notes: _____

File Attachments for Item:

2. Travel Authorization: A travel authorization request for Councilor Simi Barnes to attend the 2026 National Foundation for Women Legislators Annual Conference in Nashville, TN.



COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

P.O. Box 1340
Columbus, Georgia 31902-1340

Item #2.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST CITY COUNCILOR

Name of Traveler / Registrant	Simi Barnes, Councilor
Dates of Travel	November 8-11, 2026

Sponsored Organization and Conference / Training	2026 National Foundation for Women Legislators Annual Conference (Nashville, TN)
Estimated Cost	<u>Registration</u> – \$100 <u>Hotel</u> - \$1,136 <u>Airfare:</u> \$466 <u>Reimbursable Amount</u> - \$100 <u>TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:</u> \$1,802
Council Travel Budget: Education/Training (0101-100-1000-CNCL-6601) Travel, Schools & Conferences (0101-100-1000-CNCL-6641)	Beginning Balance - \$5,000; Current Balance - \$5,000 Beginning Balance - \$10,000; Current Balance (Approximate)- \$10,000 (\$1,045 – Pending Expense) Annual Travel Allowance - \$3,500 Councilor's FY27 Travel Expenses - \$0 Annual Travel Allowance Available (Approximate) - \$3,500

In accordance with the **Travel Policy and Procedures of the Columbus Consolidated Government, dated September 16, 2013**, which states:

“City Councilors should submit their travel requests to the Clerk of Council. The Clerk of Council will list a request to approve travel on his/her agenda for a vote at a regular City Council meeting. All travel requests must conform to the requirements, terms and conditions of this Policy.”

Pursuant to **Resolution No. 205-25**, this request shall be applied to the **\$3,500 annual travel allowance** designated for each Councilor for approved travel and training outside the city limits of Columbus, Georgia.

Lindsey G. McLemore
Clerk of Council
Council of Columbus, Georgia

Date

File Attachments for Item:

3. Resolution: A Resolution excusing Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen from the July 28, 2026, Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION**NO. ____**

A Resolution excusing Councilors absence.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES:

Pursuant to Section 3-103(6) of the Charter of Columbus, Georgia, Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen is hereby excused from attendance of the July 28, 2026, Council Meeting for the following reasons:

Personal Business:

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 28th day of July 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Cook	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore
 Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
 Mayor

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

File Attachments for Item:

4. Resolution: A Resolution excusing Councilor Toyia Tucker from the July 28, 2026, Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION**NO. ____**

A Resolution excusing Councilors absence.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES:

Pursuant to Section 3-103(6) of the Charter of Columbus, Georgia, Councilor Toyia Tucker is hereby excused from attendance of the July 28, 2026, Council Meeting for the following reasons:

Personal Business:

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 28th day of July 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Cook	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore
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File Attachments for Item:

5. Minutes of the following boards:

Board of Tax Assessors #25-26

Board of Tax Assessors #26-26

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 06-08-26

Development Authority of Columbus 06-11-26

Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission 12-11-25

Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission 02-12-26 & 04-09-26

Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center 01-08-26, 03-12-26 & 05-14-26

Pension Fund, Employees Board of Trustees 03-11-26

Public Safety Advisory Commission, 2024 Minutes

Public Safety Advisory Commission, 2025 Minutes

Public Safety Advisory Commission, 06-19-25

Public Safety Advisory Commission, 01-16-26 & 02-19-26



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Item #5.

City Services Center
3111 Citizens Way
Columbus, GA 31906

Mailing Address:
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Columbus, GA 31902

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Assessor

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Assessor

Doug Jefcoat
Assessor

Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
Vice Chairman

Chief Appraiser
Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #25-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, July 1st, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar
Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
Assessor Kathy Jones
Assessor Doug Jefcoat
Chief Appraiser/Secretary Suzanne Widenhouse
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Chief Appraiser Widenhouse shares with the Board, notices have now been mailed. August 10 is the deadline to appeal. It is also the deadline to apply for Homestead. She attended the last bill of rights hearing at the Board of Education on Tuesday evening.

At 9:09, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Audit Results - Signed & Approved.
- Motor Vehicle Appeal - Signed & Approved.

At 9:11, Administrative Manager Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Mobile Home Certification to Clerk - placed into record.
- Homesteads - #094 030 005; 127 012 005; 190 009 005; 084 041 071; 065 018 091; 182 014 012; 088 002 013; 096 028 002; 073 024 080; 087 006 002 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:19, Real Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- Waiver & Releases - #096 022 015B; 088 029 007; 041 029 004; 059 042 016; 059 060 001; 059 028 012; 059 044 012; 095 001 015; 041 029 005; 059 064 006; 059 044 013; 059 039 010 - Signed by Chairman Govar.

At 9:25, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Exempt Properties Policy - Discussion & conclusion is Chief Appraiser Widenhouse will have the city attorney review; after which the board will decide if the policy needs revision.

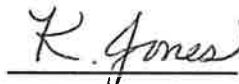
Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to adjourn the meeting. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries. At 9:51, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: _____

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ASSESSOR


D. JEF COAT
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Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Item #5.

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Chief Appraiser
Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #26-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, July 8th, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar
Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
Assessor Kathy Jones
Assessor Doug Jefcoat
Assessor Clay Hood
Chief Appraiser/Secretary Suzanne Widenhouse
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Assessor Jefcoat informs the Board that he will need to leave the meeting after his appt to speak with the Board as a taxpayer.
- Chief Appraiser Widenhouse will not be present at the board meeting next week.
- Taxpayer Doug Jefcoat & guest Edgar Chancellor enter meeting to discuss re-evaluation of property. They both exit meeting @ 9:19.

At 9:41, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Audit Results/Late Return - Signed & Approved.
- Motor Vehicle Appeal - Signed & Approved.
- No Change Audit Results - placed into record.

At 9:46, Chief Appraiser Widenhouse presents for Administrative Division to the Board:

- Homesteads - Signed & Approved.
- Change of Assessment Digest - Signed by Chairman Govar.

- TAD Certifications - Signed by Chairman Govar.
- CUVA Renewals 2026 for Digest - Signed by Chairman Govar.
- Exempt Properties Digest - Signed by Chairman Govar.

At 9:56, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Discussion of E&R Policy - will be brought back at later time when Assessor Jefcoat is present.

Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to adjourn the meeting. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries. At 9:58, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: _____

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Absent

J. GOVAR
CHAIRMAN

K. Jones

K. JONES
ASSESSOR

[Signature]

D. JEF COAT
ASSESSOR

ABSENT

C. HOOD
ASSESSOR

[Signature]

L. SANDIFER HICKS
VICE CHAIRMAN

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority

Minutes

June 8, 2026 • 1:00 pm

Columbus Civic Center, Hospitality Suites

400 4th St, Columbus, GA 31901

ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members Present – Andy Luker (Chair), Robert Wadkins (Vice Chair), Ashley Woitena (Secretary), Herman Lewis (Treasurer), Mike Welch, Gerald Miley, and Morgan Moore

Voting Members Absent – Jim Rutland

Ex-Officio Members Present – Holli Browder, Ryan Pruett, Kelly Phillips, and Jeff Croop

Ex-Officio Members Absent – Jeremy Miles, Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, Charles Auer

Visitor(s) Present: Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge

1. Call to Order

- Andy Luker, Chair, called the meeting at 1:04 pm.

2. Roll Call

- Authority Department Secretary – Zeanne Abano, Civic Center

3. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for May 11 and Special Called Meeting on May 26, approved. Robert Wadkins made the motion to approve. Gerald Miley second.

4. Presentation & Discussion - presented by Missy Kendrick, Choose Columbus

- Project scope: ~154-acre South Commons area (includes A.J. McClung Stadium, Civic Center, Ice Rink, South Commons Baseball fields and associated legacy facilities)
- Due diligence & market study:
 - i. Initial city allocation: \$250,000 for due diligence
 - ii. Phase I due diligence completed by Barge: ~\$90,710
 - iii. Additional boring/testing required: additional ~\$60,000 (exceeded initial \$250k).
 - iv. Market study commissioned (KB Advisory Group): ~\$34,000 (some items pending coordination with master planner, including anti-displacement work).

- Master planning:
 - i. RFQ received 10 proposals; anonymous review committee narrowed to top firms; Nelson (firm that worked on Atlanta Battery) selected – master planning contract - ~\$199,000
 - ii. City Council asked for an additional \$250,000 to cover master planning and contingencies; Choose Columbus is also applying for a \$250,000 EDA grant that could offset that city allocation.
 - iii. Stakeholder kickoff meeting scheduled for June 17; invitations being sent and additional stakeholder list to be included. Civic Center representatives (Andy Luker, Chair) invited.
- Legacy facilities:
 - i. Master plan will include and account for legacy facilities but does not propose redeveloping or removing them – intent is to integrate them into a mixed-use, sports-themed plan while preserving necessary parking and access.
 - ii. Missy emphasized redevelopment funding is from private developers/investors (ground leases/private ownership for new development) and will not directly fund city-owned facility upgrades; however, master plan and market study will highlight needs and may drive attention/funding for existing facilities.
 - iii. City must decide whether to retain ownership and lease parcels or sell land to developers – this decision will affect development approaches.
- Concerns Raised:
 - i. Several board members expressed concern that existing legacy facilities (A.J. McClung Stadium , Civic Center, Softball Complex and Ice Rink) may be overshadowed, underfunded, or left needing upgrades without direct funding in the redevelopment plan. Board requested that master planning explicitly incorporate considerations for how surrounding redevelopment should highlight and recommend necessary upgrades to those facilities.
 - ii. Environmental/contamination concerns related to nearby business (e.g. Gas stations) were noted and are part of the additional due diligence testing.
 - iii. Need for improved long-term maintenance and funding planning for city-owned facilities was raised (if the city remains ownership).

5. RFP & Procurement Updates

- Chair followed up with Purchasing on outstanding RFP(s); concerned about publishing timing relative to June 30 deadline and potential need to extend if not published in time.
- Invitation to finalize RFP evaluation committee composition at the July meeting; recommended composition: 3-4 authority members (voting), alternate voters, and city advisors (non-voting).
- Follow-up required on slab-of-concrete quotes (Allen Minton awaiting two additional quotes)

6. MOU with Parks & Recreation

- Meetings held with Parks & Rec staff; consensus to position Sports Entertainment Authority to be responsible for operation/oversight of all four facilities with budgeting coordination.

- Parks & Rec will provide MOU template. Board to review and vote by mid-July (target July 13 mentioned).

7. Financial Reporting

- Board requested regular monthly financial statements from each facility (general income statement/ Profit & Loss statement)
- Jennifer McVay, Civic Center Finance Manager to provide year-end profit & loss statement and set format for monthly updates

8. Public Comment – NONE.

9. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm. Robert Wadkins made the motion to adjourn. Ashley Woitena second.

Minutes Recorded by: Zeanne Abano, Civic Center, Authority Department Secretary

*Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 13, 2026, at 1:00 pm,***

Columbus Civic Center, Hospitality Suites, 400 4th St, Columbus, GA 31901

Development Authority of Columbus, GA
118 W. 11th Street, Suite 102
Columbus, GA 31901
June 11, 2026 – 8:30 AM

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Selvin Hollingsworth	Doug Jenkins
Laura Gower	Geniece Granville
Will White	Charles Ray Sheffield
Audrey Tillman	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rob McKenna (Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford, PC), Missy Kendrick (DACGA), Michelle Phillips (DACGA), Andy Hilmes (DACGA), Madison Hilmes (DACG), Bill Dudley (Dudley Strategies)

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Selvin Hollingsworth called the meeting to order, and a quorum was present.

Minutes

Mr. Hollingsworth presented the minutes from the meeting on May 14, 2026. Ms. Audrey Tillman made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Mr. Will White seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Ms. Laura Gower, Mr. White, Ms. Tillman, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Ms. Geniece Granville and Mr. Charles Ray Sheffield all voted in favor.

Finance Report

June 2026 – Mr. White presented the financial report for May 2026 with Total Assets and Equity of \$22,267,888.42 and Net Income of \$58,218.83. Mr. Sheffield made a motion to approve the financial report, and Ms. Tillman seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Ms. Gower, Mr. White, Ms. Tillman, Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Granville and Mr. Sheffield all voted in favor.

Budget

Ms. Missy Kendrick presented the Budget for FY27. She noted it was a draft budget and the final budget will be presented at the next meeting on July 9, 2026.

Economic Development Report

Ms. Kendrick reported that the South Commons stakeholder kickoff meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2026. She also informed the Board that the grant application seeking \$250,000 to support the South Commons Master Plan and remaining due diligence activities is expected to be completed by June 19, 2026.

Ms. Kendrick also reported that the first reading of the Technology Overlay ordinance was held by the Columbus City Council on June 9, 2026, and that the second reading is scheduled for June 16, 2026.

Ms. Kendrick provided an update on Project Ciel, noting that engineers from JS Link America have been onsite. She also reminded the Board that the company has relocated its project to Site #17.

Ms. Kendrick reported that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for clearing and grading activities at Muscogee Technology Park Sites #12, #13, and #19 are being prepared for public bid.

Mr. Rob McKenna and Ms. Kendrick stated the Authority would be working with the City to help redevelop the River District. Ms. Pam Hodge is to research the parcels to be included. Because some of the parcels might have environmental issues, Ms. Michelle Phillips shared that they be sites for the EPA RFL for which the Authority is planning to apply.

Ms. Kendrick provided an update on the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority, reporting that Attorney Rob McKenna is working with the Attorney General's Office to revise the restructuring resolution to include Smiths Station and Phenix City.

Ms. Kendrick noted that there were 10 new projects last month.

Workforce Development/Military Affairs

Mr. Andy Hilmes reported that he provided a presentation to the Columbus City Council on June 9, 2026, regarding the proposed development of a vertiport and airside electric charging station at Columbus Airport. He informed the Board that he recommended the City Council request \$2.2 million from the FY27 discretionary transportation infrastructure budget to fund the project. Mr. Hilmes further reported that a resolution seeking approval of the funding request is scheduled to be presented to the Columbus City Council on July 14, 2026.

Mr. Hilmes provided an update on congressional outreach efforts regarding Fort Benning's capacity to accommodate up to 5,000 Army personnel and their families as part of a potential restationing from Germany. Briefings were provided to the

offices of Senators Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock and Representatives Sanford Bishop, Austin Scott, and Brian Jack. Feedback from the briefed offices has been positive. Mr. Hilmes reported that outreach efforts will be paused pending further guidance from the U.S. Department of the Army regarding the unit's potential relocation.

City Update

Ms. Hodge reported that Tyson Begley was appointed City Manager by the Columbus City Council at its June 9, 2026, meeting.

She noted that the FY27 budget has been approved and that the millage rate is scheduled for consideration at the June 16, 2026 Council meeting.

Ms. Hodge also informed the Board that recent City Council discussions have included the Uptown curfew and the Technology Overlay.

Legal Matters

Mr. McKenna presented to the Board an inducement resolution for H&K.

Ms. Tillman made a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Sheffield seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Ms. Gower, Mr. White, Ms. Tillman, Mr. Jenkins, and Mr. Sheffield all voted in favor. Ms. Granville abstained.

Executive Session

Ms. Granville made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel. Mr. Sheffield seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Ms. Gower, Mr. White, Ms. Tillman, Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Granville and Mr. Sheffield all voted in favor.

Ms. Kendrick, Mr. Hilmes and Ms. Phillips left the meeting.

Ms. Tillman made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Sheffield seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Ms. Gower, Mr. White, Ms. Tillman, Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Granville and Mr. Sheffield all voted in favor.

Ms. Tillman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sheffield seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Ms. Gower, Mr. White, Ms. Tillman, Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Granville and Mr. Sheffield all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Missy Kendrick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Missy Kendrick
President/CEO



KCBC COMMISSIONER BOARD MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 11, 2025

Columbus Civic Center | 400 4th Street, Columbus, GA 31901

KCBC Executive Director: Lisa Thomas-Cutts

Commissioner Board Members Present: Avianca Dowdell, Courtney Johnson, Pamela Thomas, Leasa Hastings, Anthony Johnson, Natre'l Payne

Absent Board Members: Taylor Martin, Kara Brakefield, and Leasa Hastings, Devon Moree, Kristasia Heath

Meeting called to order at 11:00AM

Welcome & Minutes

Executive Director Lisa Thomas-Cutts called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. She thanked the Commissioners and Executive Board members for their continued service, volunteerism, and support throughout the year, acknowledging their contributions to the success of the organization's programs and events. She noted that the meeting was a joint meeting and shared that it would be followed by the organization's annual Holiday Open House.

KCGBC Chairmen's Report- Herman E. Lewis, Jr. -KCGBC Chairman

Herman E. Lewis acknowledged the hard work and dedication of everyone involved and provided an overview of the organization's strong financial standing. He commended Lisa and the administrative team for their outstanding efforts in keeping the board informed, engaged, and actively involved in the organization's work.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM

Next Meeting: February 2026

Meeting Minutes Recorder Commissioner Board Secretary & Staff Assistant, Avianca Dowdell



KCBC COMMISSIONER BOARD MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 12, 2026

City Hall | 1111 1st Avenue Columbus, GA 31904

KCBC Executive Director: Lisa Thomas-Cutts

Commissioner Board Members Present: Devon Moree, Avianca Dowdell, Courtney Johnson, Pamela Thomas, Kristasia Heath, Anthony Johnson

Absent: Taylor Martin, Kara Brakefield, and Leasa Hastings

Meeting called to order at 9:06 AM

Welcome & Minutes

Executive Director, Lisa Thomas-Cutts called the meeting to order. Avianca Dowdell motioned for the approval of the October meeting minutes and Courtney Johnson seconded the motion.

KCGBC Chairmen's Report- Herman E. Lewis, Jr.

Executive Board Chairmen, Herman E. Lewis, Jr., phoned in and provided updates from the Executive Board. He shared that, from a nonprofit perspective, KCBC is in a financially strong and healthy position. He commended Executive Director Lisa Thomas-Cutts for her outstanding leadership and dedication. Herman encouraged commissioners to remain engaged and involved whenever possible, noting that there are many upcoming events and opportunities to support. He shared news of the new Treasurer, Terri Council, and introduced the formation of the Advisory Board as an added layer of support and guidance for the organization.

Executive Director's Report- Lisa Thomas-Cutts

Lisa Thomas-Cutts welcomed attendees and invited everyone to introduce themselves, noting that this was the first commissioners' meeting of 2026. She introduced Roy Clarkson, the new Administrative Coordinator, and commended him for hitting the ground running since joining the organization in October. Lisa also provided a brief overview of KCBC's history and outlined the roles and responsibilities of a commissioner. She shared that there will be an opportunity to vote for the Chair and Vice Chair positions at the next meeting, with additional details to come.

Projects and Programs Recap

Shoe Recycling Campaign- Devon Moree and Avianca Dowdell provided an update on the campaign, sharing that this year's school collection winner is Hannan Magnet Academy, which will be recognized with a pizza party on April 17th. Devon expressed gratitude to everyone who tapped into their networks to help collect and donate shoes and highlighted the success of the campaign overall. Avianca also shared information about the upcoming volunteer shoe-packing days, encouraging anyone interested in helping to reach out to her directly.

Christmas Tree Recycling- Lisa reported that the campaign was a strong success, made possible through partnership with Columbus Water Works. Event Co-Chairs Courtney and Anthony also shared their appreciation for the campaign's positive turnout and overall impact, noting how successful the effort was from start to finish. Key outcomes included a donation of trees from a local Christmas tree farm, the collection of more than 300 trees, and the repurpose of those trees.

MLK Events- KCBC participated in two MLK service initiatives, including the MLK Serve-A-Thon in partnership with Trees Columbus, which resulted in the planting of 66 trees at Shirley B. Winston Park with the help of volunteers, including students from Hardaway High School and Downtown Elementary. KCBC also joined Turn Around Columbus for a community cleanup,

Let's Grow STEM- KCBC participated in Let's Grow STEMX at the Columbus Convention & Trade Center, following an invitation from Robbie Branscomb. Roy Clarkson shared how much he enjoyed being part of the event, noting the positive response KCBC received, the increase in social media followers, and the encouraging interest from teens who expressed a desire to volunteer with KCBC.

Upcoming Events

Arbor Day- Our Arbor Day event is scheduled for February 21, 2026, at the Chattahoochee Promenade from 11AM until 1PM. If you are willing to donate chips or volunteer, please let Roy know as soon as possible.

Earth Week Celebration- Earth Week is held Saturday, April 18 through Friday, April 24, 2026, this year, and we are in the early planning stages. Additional details will be shared as plans are finalized.

New Business

Golf Tournament – Kickoff Golf Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25th. Additional details to come.

Help the Hooch- Kickoff Help the Hooch Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11th. Additional details to come.

KCBC Guild- Lisa introduced the KCBC Guild, a new public-facing initiative designed to expand volunteer opportunities, including assisting with office and event needs, supporting cleanup efforts, and more. Additional details will be shared soon!

America's 250th Initiative- In honor of America's 250th anniversary, KCBC has a pledge initiative encouraging individuals to collect 250 pieces of litter between now and July 4, 2026.

KCBC 40th Gala- KCBC will celebrate 40 years of service next year, and we want to celebrate in a grand way. Planning is still in the early stages, but current plans include a commemorative Gala and the incorporation of the KCBC Awards Reception. Details to come about the kickoff planning meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM

Next Meeting: April 9, 2026

Meeting Minutes Recorder Commissioner Board Secretary & Staff Assistant, Avianca Dowdell



KCBC Commissioners BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 9, 2026
City Hall | 1111 First Avenue Columbus, GA 31901

KCBC Executive Director: Lisa Thomas-Cutts

Members Present: Devon Moree, Avianca Dowdell, Courtney Johnson, Pamela Thomas, Kristasia Heath, Anthony Johnson

Absent Members: Taylor Martin, Kara Brakefield, and Leasa Hastings

Meeting called to order @ 9:15 AM

Welcome & Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the Executive Director, Lisa Thomas Cutts. Board members reviewed the minutes from February 11th 2026 commissioner board meeting. A motion was made commissioner Pamela Thomas and Commissioner Courtney Johnson seconded the motion.

KGBC Chairmen Report- Herman Lewis

In Chairman Herman Lewis absence, members were reminded of the numerous upcoming Earth Week activities and encouraged to remain engaged by participating in KCBC events whenever possible.

Director's Report- Lisa Thomas Cutts

Shoe Recycling Campaign

The 2025 Shoe Recycling Campaign concluded successfully with more than 200 bags of shoes collected. Volunteers assisted with the final packing and shipment, which was completed efficiently.

Highlights included:

- Extension of the campaign through January to allow additional school participation.

- Continued year-round shoe collection at the KCBC office and Citizen Service Center.
- Recognition of committee co-chairs Devon Moore and Avianca for their leadership.
- Appreciation extended to community partners, including Columbus Fire & EMS, Two Men and a Truck, and Action Buildings for their continued support.

Davis Broadcasting Women's Empowerment Luncheon

KCBC participated in the annual Women's Empowerment Luncheon for the third consecutive year.

Discussion included:

- Successful community engagement and outreach.
- Distribution of KCBC promotional materials.
- Positive feedback regarding keynote speaker Tasha Smith.
- Appreciation expressed to Davis Broadcasting for its continued community partnership.

Mayor's Annual Golf Tournament

The Board received an update on preparations for the 2025 KCBC Mayor's Annual Golf Tournament.

Highlights included:

- The tournament continues to sell out annually.
- This year's tournament will recognize Mayor Skip Henderson's final year as the face of the event.
- Planning is underway to make this year's tournament especially memorable.
- Board members were encouraged to serve on the planning committee and volunteer during tournament week.

Tee Like a Lady Golf Clinic

The Board discussed plans for the second annual Tee Like a Lady Golf Clinic.

Topics included:

- Continued focus on introducing more women to the game of golf.
- Positive community response following last year's inaugural event.
- Planning for expanded participation and programming.

Help the Hooch

Updates were provided regarding the 32nd Annual Help the Hooch Cleanup.

Key information:

- Event dates were confirmed for **October 2-3**.
- Registration will open later this year.
- Devon Moore and Avianca Dowdell will serve as event co-chairs.
- Planning committees are being organized for volunteer recruitment and event logistics.

Earth Week Update

The Director reviewed the schedule of Earth Week activities, including:

- Community Clean & Green Cleanup
- Hannah Elementary Shoe Recycling Winner Pizza Party
- Community Tree Planting
- Feed the Soil Food Waste Collection
- Fill the Bin Recycling Challenge
- Earth Hour Challenge
- Sustainability Stars Recognition
- Water Wise Conservation Initiative
- Free Community Paper Shred Event

Commissioners were encouraged to volunteer throughout the week and assist with event operations.

New Business

KCBC Guild

The Board discussed development of the KCBC Guild, a volunteer network designed to support KCBC programs and events throughout the year.

Discussion included:

- Volunteer recruitment.
- Guild branding and T-shirt concepts.
- Board members serving as ambassadors to recruit additional volunteers.

America 250 Celebration

KCBC will participate in local America 250 celebrations. Rather than organizing a separate parade

KCBC 40th Anniversary

Planning has begun for KCBC's 40th Anniversary Celebration in 2027.

Discussion included:

- Formation of a planning committee.
- Development of a gala celebrating KCBC's past, present, and future.
- Recognition of community partners, volunteers, schools, and supporters.

General Announcements

Additional discussion included:

- Continued increase in community requests for cleanups and partnerships.
- Growth in volunteer interest and public engagement.
- Appreciation extended to staff, board members, volunteers, and community partners for their continued dedication to KCBC's mission.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Board Meeting Thursday August 13th 2026 @ 9:00am



**The Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center
Advisory Board Minutes
January 8, 2026**

*Columbus Civic Center, Hospitality Suites
400 4th St, Columbus, GA 31901*

Board Members Present: Arreasha ‘ Z’ Lawrence, Fernando Verdree, Ku’Wonna Ingram, Arsburn ‘ Oz’ Roberts, Evelyn ‘ Mimi’ Woodson,

Board Members Absent: Delois “Dee” Marsh, Terrance Flowers, Dr. Shikha Shah, Cletus Richardson

Present: Civic Center Staff: Kanise Wiggins, Jennifer Babin, Troy Vanerson, Josaland Hardwick

Absent: Civic Center Staff: Janine Abano, Caryn Hammond

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chair Mimi Woodson. An invocation delivered by Vice Chair Oz Roberts.

2. Resignation

The Board formally acknowledged receipt of the resignation letter submitted by Delois “Dee” Carr Marsh.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from November 13, 2025, were presented for review and was approved.

4. Liberty Theatre Building Update

Troy Vanerson provided an update on the Liberty Theatre building. Interior molding work remains ongoing. Discussion was held regarding the installation of HVAC units on the roof. It was noted that relocation of the HVAC system is not feasible due to reconstruction requirements and historic preservation constraints, which would necessitate review and approval by the Historic Board.

Chair Woodson requested the following:

- A visual presentation reflecting after progress of the building; and

- A scheduled walkthrough of the facility to review potential updates and improvements

A question was raised regarding the status of mold remediation. Staff will confirm and report back to the Board.

Item #5.

5. LTCAC Advisory Board Matters

Discussion was held regarding the Advisory Board's monthly meeting schedule and a pending meeting with Deputy City Managers Pam Hodge and Lisa Goodwin.

Key discussion points included:

- The process for the revitalization and reintroduction of the Liberty Theatre to the broader community.
- Continued service and eligibility requirements for Advisory Board Members.
- Funding strategies, including potential support from foundations, private-sector partners, and increased City funding; and
- Governance considerations related to City authority

The following clarifications were provided:

- Appointees to the Board must be residents of Muscogee County
- Non-Muscogee County residents may serve on committees but may not serve as committee chairs or present to the Board or City Council.
- Columbus Consolidated Government employees may serve only in seats specifically designated for City employees.
- Board members may be reappointed for additional terms by a Council member or designated organization in accordance with ordinance.

6. Committees and Subcommittees

Board members were directed to review committee descriptions and indicate interest in service. Chair Woodson requested that recommendations for committee chairs be compiled for submission to City Council.

The following committee assignments were noted:

- Marketing/Public Relations: Jennifer Babin
- Sales: Kanise Wiggins
- Sponsorships & Partnerships: Arreasha "Z" Lawrence
- Programming/Production: Ku'Wonna Ingram & Josaland Hardwick
- Finance: Fernando Verdree
- Technology: Jennifer Babin
- Building & Architecture: Mimi Woodson & Troy Vanerson

Committees will provide bi-monthly reports to the Board, including brief updates and supporting documentation. Committee reports are scheduled for presentation at the next meeting on March 12, 2026.

7. Budget and Funding Discussion

The Board discussed currently City-provided resources, noting that they are limited in scope. Additional needs were identified, including training, - Page 175 - and long-term operational support. The Board also discussed the development of a budget for submission to Deputy City Manager

Lisa Goodwin. As part of this discussion, the Board recommended requesting the allocation of \$10,000 in funding to support an update to the strategic plan. The proposed update would incorporate the latest advancements in artificial intelligence and technology to better serve the community, enhance programming, and position the organization as a modern hub within the city.

Item #5.

8. Programming and Community Engagement

Potential programming and community engagement initiatives discussed included Movies on the Lawn, jazz performances, a 5K Run/Walk, talent showcases, partnerships with the local school system, and MaFest. In support of these initiatives, Kanise is currently preparing a detailed budget to justify and outline the need for an additional \$10,000 in funding. The proposed budget will identify the anticipated costs associated with event planning, production, and vendor participation. Increased financial support will enable the organization to deliver impactful events, expand its reach through enhanced vendor engagement, and further promote the mission and cultural significance of the Liberty Theatre within the community.

9. Additional Business

- a. The Board agreed that the bylaws should be reviewed annually.
- b. Community feedback received through social media platforms should be monitored and considered appropriate.
- c. Board membership reinstatement or appointment requires City Council action. Interested individuals may apply through the City's website, submit a professional biography for consideration, and contact a City Council member to seek appointment.

10. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for the second Thursday, March 12, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Columbus Civic Center.

Upon motion by Oz Roberts, seconded by Fernando Verdree, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Abano

Janine Abano, Board Secretary



**The Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center
Advisory Board Minutes
March 12, 2026**

*Columbus Civic Center, Hospitality Suites
400 4th St, Columbus, GA 31901*

Board Members Present: Monika Brown, Arreasha “Z” Lawrence, Ku’Wonna Ingram, Arsburn “Oz” Roberts

Board Members Absent: Cletus Richardson, Fernando Verdree, Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson, Dr. Shikha Shah

Present: Civic Center Staff: Kanise Wiggins, Jennifer Babin, Troy Vanerson, Caryn Hammond, Janine Abano

Visitor: Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by Vice Chair Oz Roberts.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from January 8 were presented and reviewed. It was not approved due to lack of quorum. The minutes from January 8 and March 12 need to be reviewed.

3. Budget Request & Strategic Plan

- a. Board submitted budget request to City for \$17,500.
- b. \$10,000 allocated to update strategic plan to add AI and other elements.
- c. \$7,500 allocated for events (Ma Fest, Movie on the Lawn, Jazz Up Your Sundays, and more) to maintain Liberty Theatre visibility to the community.
- d. Budget timeline according to Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge; submission in February, mayor’s recommended budget to council on April 28, review meetings on May 2, May 9, May 17, City Council vote in June.
- e. Liberty closure limits revenue; events funding intended to maintain momentum, reduce staff costs, and pursue donations/sponsorships to offset expenses.

4. Donations & Sponsorship Process

- a. Liberty Theatre is not a 501(c)(3); donations are accepted by the City and segregated in special project accounts.
- b. Donors can claim tax deductions; a - Page 177 - recorded via a City Council Resolution and funds remain separate from the City’s operating budget.

- c. Example of notable donations: \$1.5 million for pickleball/Cooper Creek project; \$20,000 from Lauderbrook Foundation for last April's gala.
- d. Donor proof options: canceled check is typically sufficient; finance can provide a receipt or a letter with the City tax ID on request.
- e. Meeting with DCM Pam Hodge and Fernando Verdree occurred about sponsorships; follow-up required to confirm issuance of specific resolutions/receipts to donors.

Item #5.

5. Liberty Theater Building Status & RFPs

- a. The Board toured Liberty Theater about three weeks ago; roof repaired and mold remediation completed.
- b. Interior is largely down to studs with steel columns exposed and drywall mostly not installed.
- c. HVAC and electrical installations remain incomplete.
- d. The Board will schedule a full-building tour, then meet with Scott Holmes (City Architect) to review community ideas and recommendations.
- e. Ped Burnshaw and Neil Clark produced the master plan and assessment; Neil retired; changing architects requires a full RFP; a separate project up to \$10 million could be bid while current council funds are nearly exhausted.

6. Events, Festivals & Outreach

- a. Attended The Columbus Museum Black History Month event 1-2 weeks ago; event generated strong community traffic.
- b. Received positive feedback; attendees asked how to volunteer and donate; the Columbus Museum expressed interest in collaboration.
- c. The next hosted event was the 2nd annual 5k Run/Walk; distributed t-shirt and medals to participants; they posted photos and reported satisfaction.
- d. Race distance was shortened from 5 miles to 3 miles due to vehicle traffic at a turn; coordination with Columbus Police Department created safety and routing constraints.
- e. Discussed promotion and funding; consider budgeting for Reggie Luther promotion. Pursue corporate sponsorship and account for a platform charge of \$1,000; follow up emails were sent to contacts.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm by Vice Chair Oz Roberts. The next meeting scheduled is on May 14, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Abano

Janine Abano, Board Secretary



The Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center
Advisory Board Minutes
May 14, 2026

*Columbus Civic Center, Hospitality Suites
400 4th St, Columbus, GA 31901*

Board Members Present: Monika Brown, Arreasha “Z” Lawrence, Ku’Wonna Ingram, Arsburn “Oz” Roberts, Cletus Richardson, Fernando Verdree

Board Members Absent: Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson, Dr. Shikha Shah

Present: Civic Center Staff: Jennifer Babin, Caryn Hammond, Janine Abano

Visitor: Scott Holmes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm by Vice Chair Oz Roberts.

2. Approval of Minutes

January 8 and March 12 minutes were available for review but could not be officially approved due to attendance/quorum issues.

3. Project Updates

- a.** Repairs/Remediation: City has approved roof repair, asbestos remediation and HVAC work. Hazardous materials and mold remediation reportedly completed.
- b.** Site Visit: Scott Holmes and team recently toured the theatre interior first safe access after remediation to assess conditions.
- c.** Funding: additional funds are required for the architect/firm to prepare further renderings and design documents.

4. Streetscape / District Work presented by Scott Holmes

- a.** Scope: Streetscape design for the road in front of the Liberty Theater 8th Street and nearby portions – new sidewalks, paving, landscaping, street parking reconfiguration and moving power lines underground.

- b. Performance Lawn / Plaza: design will coordinate with the performance lawn across the street; plans to include a long-raised speed table / plaza are in front of the theater to connect with the lawn and allow street closures for events.
- c. Related features: splash pad and small restroom building planned by the City across the lawn; discussion with City to enlarge restrooms to serve as a stage backdrop.
- d. Construction sequencing: some adjacent streets e.g., 7th behind are part of the master plan; construction staging/traffic will affect sequencing so certain finishes may be deferred until later phases.
- e. Utilities: alleyways and underground utilities planned to serve new homes/housing at the site edges.

5. Historic Features / Memorials

- a. Existing donor bricks/markers: there are bricks and vertical obelisks granite markers with names and history; some inscriptions are fading.
- b. Preservation intent: team intends to preserve named bricks or at least preserve the names and history in new memorial elements; options include reusing bricks, reproducing names on new elements or creating a dedicated donor plaza.
- c. Committee needed: recommended formation of a focused committee to determine what histories/names/messages go on obelisks and memorial elements and to coordinate outreach to stakeholders who hold historical knowledge.
- d. Fabrication timeline: fabrication and content decisions take time; may not be complete by streetscape construction. Some markers require proofing and fabrication of lead time.

6. Programming / Interpretive Opportunities

- a. Ideas discussed: interactive museum/interactive displays inside the theater audio/video/QR codes. Etched imagery on memorial stones, curated stories performers, ownership, community memories, possible partnerships with local schools CSU, SCAD, Auburn or local brands reference to RC Coca/Columbus ties.
- b. Accessibility & seating: discussion on seating counts, historic vs. modern seating tradeoffs between original character and modern comfort/capacity. Consideration of balcony access, stairs, and ADA access elevator likely expensive; alternate accessible seating solutions discussed.

7. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm by Vice Chair Oz Roberts. The next meeting scheduled is on July 9, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Abano

Janine Abano, Board Secretary

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

March 11, 2026

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

TRUSTEES ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:

Lisa Goodwin, Trustee; Elizabeth Cook, Trustee

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

OTHERS ATTENDING IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY:

Pamela Hodge, DCM Finance, Planning & Development; Lucy Sheftall, Assistant City Attorney; Shannel Davison, Investment Officer; Ola Terrell, Human Resources Director; Cynthia Holliman, Senior Pension Plan Administrator; Timothy Strickland, Airport Representative; Columbus Water Works President; Gwen Ruff, Columbus Water Works Representative; Savonne Monell, Columbus Water Works Representative; Krystal Adams, Recording Secretary

ADVISORS:

Richard Swift, Raymond James

GUESTS:

Chuck Carr, Southern Actuarial Services

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Mayor, Skip Henderson, called the March 11, 2026, meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Columbus Georgia Public Employee Retirement Systems Pension and Benefit Trust Fund to order.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from February 11, 2026, regular Pension Board Meeting were submitted for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee Fray McCormick. Trustee Lisa Goodwin Seconded the motion. The board voted and the minutes were unanimously approved.

INVESTMENT UPDATE

a. Performance Review

Richard Swift presented to the board regarding the fund's performance. At the end of December, the fund was \$736 Million, at the end of January, the fund was \$745 Million and as of the end of February, the Fund was \$750 Million.

Reporting on the performance of various managers followed. Funds that are doing well are Blackrock Large Cap Value, AEW Real Estate and International Equity EFT. Funds that are slightly behind or underperforming are William Blair Large Cap Growth, Capital Group Intl Equity, Parnassus Equity Large Cap Core, Janus Henderson Large Cap Growth and Causeway Capital Intl Equity. All other funds are in line.

Richard shared some recent news based on the Iran conflict escalations. Oil prices were at \$65-67 a barrel as of February 28, 2026. By March 6, 2026, the oil prices were \$100 plus per barrel. Due to Reserve releases and deescalation of the conflict, oil prices have gone back down to \$86-87 per barrel which is driving what's going on in the market.

Richard explained Overview of Key Rebalancing Methodologies. Calendar-Based Rebalancing is to rebalance no matter what, whether it's monthly, quarterly or annually. Drift- Based/ Tolerance-Band Rebalancing is done when the funds are far away from the targets. At that time targets should be rebalanced to at least 50% of the target. Hybrid Rebalancing shows a rebalance every quarter and considers the drift. Richard will come back to the board next month with some thoughts on our current target allocations and to discuss implementing a more intentional rebalancing strategy.

Asset Allocation

Richard Swift stated that the headline risks are driving the market up and down causing volatility. It is unclear where it's going but it suggests no drastic changes currently with Equity being at 63.3 % and fixed income being at 36.7%

OLD BUSINESS

ACTUARIAL VALUATION REPORT PRESENTATION

Chuck Carr opened with discussing the July 1, 2025, evaluation for the 26-27 Fiscal Year Contribution. The only plan change over the past year was 1% COLA for retirees. The change impacts on the monthly benefits paid to retirees by the General, Public Safety and Disability plans. Mr. Carr recommends there be no assumption changes at this time. He stated that if there was 2% increase to the contribution rate it would be at zero. If there was a 2% decrease the contribution rate would be more.

The study that was completed for the last 3 years shows that the Market Value for the General Plan was \$332,390,937 as of July 1, 2025. The Actuarial Value was \$317,682,021 after the reduction for those ready to retire in the amount of \$1,316,621 and after the gains or losses of \$13,392,295. Last year there was a return of 11.71%, driving the recommended contribution rates down so employer contribution will be less.

The current contributions for the General Government Pension Plan are 7.67 million, which will drop by 1/3rd between this year and next year. Next year's requirement will be allocated based on the payroll for the different employers. The City of Columbus will contribute \$3,458,014, the Airport will contribute \$85,463, Muscogee Manor-Hospital Authority will contribute \$445,309 and Columbus Water Works will contribute \$1,009,066 totaling \$4,997,852.

The Public Safety Pension Plan savings are only about half a million due to the 11% pay increases from FY24-25. Mr. Carr stated if there were either a 2% increase or decrease, it would have the same impact as the General Plan. The Current recommended contribution is \$11,717,587 between for next year which will require the City of Columbus to contribute \$11,670,717 and the Airport to contribute \$46,870.

The current contribution for the Major Disability Income Plan is \$253,518. For FY26-27 the required contribution will drop to \$228,967. The City of Columbus will contribute \$193,225, the Airport will contribute \$2,725, Muscogee Manor-Hospital Authority will contribute \$9,914 and Columbus Water Works will contribute \$23,103.

The current contribution for the Death Benefit Plan is \$267,546. For FY26-27 the contribution rate will drop to \$260,923. The City of Columbus will contribute \$220,193, the Airport will contribute \$3,105, Muscogee Manor-Hospital Authority will contribute \$11,298 and Columbus Water Works will contribute \$26,327.

A motion to approve the Actuarial Reports and its recommended contributions for FY '27 was made by Trustee Fray McCormick Trustee Ricky Boren seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

RFP for Pension Consultant

Finance Director Angelica Alexander updated the board that the contract for the Pension Consultant will be expiring soon and require an RFP. The floor was then opened for discussion. Angelica Alexander requested that it be extended to 12 months. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Jack Warden and Trustee Fray McCormick seconded the motion.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Angelica Alexander advised that there was a scheduling conflict for the November pension meeting for Fiscal Year 2027. The second Wednesday of the month falls on Veterans Day, which is observed by Columbus Consolidated Government. A motion to approve the meeting date be scheduled for November 18, 2026, the third Wednesday of the month was made by Trustee Dusty Wilson. Trustee Fray McCormick seconded the motion.

ADJOURN

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

The next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2026, at 2:00 PM in the Large Information Technology Conference Room.

Krystal Adams

Krystal Adams
Recording Secretary

Public Safety Advisory Commission 2024 Board Minutes

Jan 18, 2024- Met at 4:00 pm to go over an agenda and plans for the year.

Chuck McClure, Scott Taft, Mitch Watkins could not make the meeting

Feb 15, 2024- Met at 4:00 pm

Looked at ways to meet if members could not make the meeting

Katina Williams, Sarah Maglione, Scott Taft, Christopher Poirie, Chuck McClure, Belvin Millner and Dr. Walter Taylor were present. Abdel Hernandez joined by phone. Tour of Real Time Crime Center for those in attendance from 4:00pm- 4:30pm. Talked about Fusus Cameras and how this technology is being used to solve crimes. District 8 seat was vacant.

March 21, 2024 Met at 4:00 pm

Chris Poirier, Abdel Hernandez, Belvin Milner, Scott Taft (Zoom), Mitch Watkins, Sarah Maglione and David Horiuchi in attendance. Dr. Walter Taylor will not be attending. Announced that David Horiuchi will be joining for District 8. Chuck McClure could not attend. A request for the Fire Chief or a representative from Fire and EMS to attend the next meeting in April was made to Asst Fire Chief Tim Smith who was in attendance. Talks about attending a future City Council Meeting. A copy of the Public Safety Advisory Commission by-laws were emailed to Fire Asst Chief Tim Smith.

April 18, 2024 Met at 4:00pm

Hernandez, Millner, Maglione, Poirer in attendance. Mitch Watkins, Scott Taft, did not attend. It was determined that Sandra Ellison and Daniel Street were absent more than 6 meetings. The commission voted to removed them both and an email was sent to Clerk Sandra Davis on April 19.

May 16, 2024 Met at 4:00pm

David Horiuchi will not be in attendance. Dr. Taylor requested to be on the agenda for Columbus Council Meeting on May 28th at 5:30pm. Police and Fire Games scheduled was shared with the commission by email.

June 20, 2024 Meeting at 4:00pm was canceled by Dr. Taylor. Members of the commission were encouraged to attend the Police and Fire Games.

July 18, 2024 Meeting at 4:00pm was canceled. Dr. Taylor asked commission members to consult with their constituents to see if there were any concerns to be addressed at the next meeting.

August 15, 2024 Meeting at 4:00pm

Dr Taylor, Millner and Hernandez were in attendance. Discussed sending a Zoom link for future meetings. Not enough members in attendance for a quorum.

September 10, 2024 Meeting 4:00pm

Not enough commission members for a quorum.

October 17, 2024 Meeting at 4:00pm

No notes for the meeting. The discussion was about an update on Animal Control.

November 21, Meeting at 4:00pm

Assistant Chief Lance Deaton spoke to the commission about Animal control recruiting, crime, and new technology.

December 2024- NO MEETING due to Holidays

Public Safety Advisory Commission 2025 Board Minutes

PSAC Meetings from 2025

January 16, 2025 Meeting 4:00pm- met with Chance Corbitt and toured the Emergency Management Mobile Command Unit. Was invited to tour the Emergency Management Center on Feb 6th

February 20, 2025- Meeting 4:00pm- held at the new Emergency Management Office located at 1111 1st Avenue

March 20, 2025-No meeting

May 15, 2025- Meeting 4:00pm Walter Taylor, Chuck McClure, Sarah Maglione, Abdel Hernandez, Belvin Millner, David Horiuchi were present Daniel Hord from Fire and EMS was also present

Gordan Hurley spoke about the Honor Integrity System (anonymous reporting tool that was created to help reduce unprofessional behavior in law enforcement). Hurley also spoke about an app called Blue Honor Line.

June 19, 2025 – Meeting 4:00pm Emergency Management Center (EMC) 1111 1st Avenue (see attached notes)

July 2025 – No meeting due to not enough people being able to make it

August 2025: Meeting cancelled due to Chairperson' s delayed flight

September 2025: Meeting took place at Public Safety Building. This is the follow up email I sent to the group. We had a very small turnout yesterday so did not have any business to review, but Katina brought in a few members from the K-9 unit and they spent the hour with us talking

about how they operate, how the K-9s train and all the gear needed to keep them safe and protected. Because this was an impromptu meeting, they offered to do a demonstration of the K-9s capabilities at our next meeting. The location right now is still to be determined but it will be here in Columbus. More to come.

October 2025: Meeting took place at Lakebottom Park and the K-9 Unit did a demonstration

November 2025: Meeting Cancelled

Email sent to committee in advance of meeting...Meeting Cancelled.

Due to the proximity of Thanksgiving break and various events going on in the city for Thanksgiving, Walter would like to cancel our November meeting. If you all have any updates related to PSAC, please send Walter via email and he will communicate to the group, along with his updates. We do not have a December meeting, so the next time we will meet will be in January 15th, 4:00 PM at the Public Safety Office.

December 2025: No meeting

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION – COLUMBUS, GA MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 19, 2025

Location: Emergency Management Center (EMC), City Hall

Start Time: 4:00 PM

Adjournment Time: 5:00 PM

Recorder: Sarah Maglione

Attendees

Commission Members Present:

Walter Taylor (Chair), Chuck McClure, Mitch Watkins, Pete Berry, Sarah Maglione, Abdel Hernandez, Belvin Millner, Scott Taft, David Horiuchi

City Agency Representative:

Daniel Hord, Fire and EMS

Guests:

Mayor Skip Henderson, Councilor Gary Allen

Meeting Summary

The meeting was called to order by Chair Walter Taylor, who welcomed Mayor Skip Henderson and Councilor Gary Allen.

Mayor Henderson provided historical context on the formation of the Public Safety Advisory Commission (PSAC), stating it was created in response to the killing of Kenneth Walker. The commission was established to rebuild trust between the community and law enforcement and to improve communication.

Mayor Henderson emphasized the commission's key functions:

- Reviewing closed use-of-force reports
- Reviewing citizen complaint forms
- Engaging with all public safety departments
- Enhancing communication between agencies and the public

Commission members noted that they are no longer receiving closed use-of-force reports for review.

Mayor Henderson proposed the following action items:

- Have the PSAC Chair attend monthly public safety leadership meetings.
- Add a dedicated PSAC section to the city's public safety webpage.
- Encourage PSAC member attendance at National Night Out events in August to increase community visibility.
- Include a representative from the Warden's Office in future PSAC meetings. Abdel Hernandez supported this recommendation.

Additional Items Discussed:

- **Social Media Outreach:** Daniel Hord stated that the Fire and EMS Department would be willing to share PSAC-related content on their Facebook page if materials are provided (e.g., mission, contact info).
 - **Technology Needs:** Chuck McClure noted the need for virtual meeting capabilities for members unable to attend in person.
 - **New Reporting Tool:** David Horiuchi presented "Blue Honor Line," an anonymous reporting system for law enforcement, intended to intervene in or prevent misconduct.
 - **Membership Vacancies:** Members informed Mayor Henderson and Councilor Allen of two current vacancies—Districts 2 and 3.
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Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

**PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION – COLUMBUS, GA
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Date: January 16, 2026

Location: Zoom

Start Time: 4:00 PM

Adjournment Time: 4:30 PM

Recorder: Sarah Maglione

Attendees

Commission Members Present:

Walter Taylor (Chair), Sarah Maglione, Abdel Hernandez, Chuck McClure, Sarah Maglione

City Agency Representative: Daniel Hord

Guests:

Meeting Summary

- Walter suggested we draw up a proclamation to honor Firefighter Richard Barfield Jr who saved 7 people while off duty when he came upon a head-on collision in Harris County in November. We intend to present this at a city council meeting in the near future.
 - We decided to extend an invite to the mayoral candidates to join our next zoom PSAC meeting in Feb. so they can have a few minutes to tell us their priorities and focus for Public Safety.
 - Going forward, the PSAC will meet in person only once a quarter and the other months we will meet over zoom.
 - In person meetings: March, June. September,
 - Zoom Meetings: Jan, Feb, April, May, July, August, October, November.
 - No meeting in Dec.
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Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

**PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION – COLUMBUS, GA
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Date: February 19, 2026

Location: Zoom

Start Time: 4:00 PM

Adjournment Time: 5:00 PM

Recorder: Sarah Maglione

Attendees

Commission Members Present:

Walter Taylor (Chair), Sarah Maglione, Abdel Hernandez, Belvin Millner, Scott Taft

City Agency Representative:

Guests:

Mayoral Candidates: Joanne Cogle, Steve Kelley, Isiah Hugely, Jaketra Bryant

Meeting Summary

Each of the mayoral candidates listed about joined for 10 min to discuss their priorities and focus for Public Safety.

At the conclusion of the meeting Walter Taylor suggested we ask the Muscogee County Prison Warden join us for the March meeting to educate the commission on programs taking place in the prison to help rehabilitate prisoners.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

File Attachments for Item:

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

4. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Vacant
Finance/Accounting or Governmental Rep.
Term Expires: June 30, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 2 Year Term Limit: 3
Meetings: Meets as needed.
Women: 1 Senatorial District 15:
Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29:

B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

Vacant
Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2
Meetings: Monthly
Women: 2 Senatorial District 15: 4
Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 5

C. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Vacant
(Business Community)
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 4 Year Term Limit: n/a

Meetings: Monthly – 1st Wednesday
 Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 9
 Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 2

5. **NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:**

A. **HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):**

Vacant

Uptown Business Association

Term Expires: January 31, 2029

Open for Nominations
(Confirmed by Council)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2
 Meetings: Monthly – 2nd Monday
 Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 6
 Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 2

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

A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

Vacant

Term Expired: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 1 – Barnes)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year (Mayor Appts); 2 Year (Council Appts) Term Limit: 2
 Meetings: Quarterly – 2nd Thursday (March, June, September & December)
 Women: 3 Senatorial District 15: 7
 Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 4

B. **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

Vacant

Term Expired: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 2 – Davis)

Vacant
 Term Expired: October 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(District 3 – Huff)

Vacant
 Term Expired: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 4 – Tucker)

Vacant
 Term Expired: October 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3 rd Thursday		
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15:	5
Vacancies:	4	Senatorial District 29:	2

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 9 Nominee: _____

District 10 Nominee: _____

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant
(Georgia Veterinary Technician)
 Term Expires: October 15, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Animal Rescue Shelter Representative)
 Term Expires: October 15, 2026
 Recommendations are submitted by a licensed animal shelter.

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Note: *The Animal Control Advisory Board is currently developing recommendations for Council's consideration regarding the board's composition.*

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Semiannually	
Women:	7	Senatorial District 15: 3
Vacancies:	3	Senatorial District 29: 4

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:

Yasmine Cathright

Not Eligible

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	5 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 4 th Wednesday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 0
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 5

C. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 24, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit: n/a
Meetings:	As needed.	
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15: 1
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 3

D. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY:

Vacant

Term Expires: June 30, 2030

****Councilor Davis is nominating Stephen Hyles.***

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	4 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3 rd Tuesday	
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15: 3

Vacancies: 1

Senatorial District 29: 5

E. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION (KCBC):

Vacant**Senatorial District 29 (SD-29)**

Term Expires: June 30, 2029

***KCB is recommending Shanise Thomason.**Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant**Senatorial District 29 (SD-29)**

Term Expires: June 30, 2029

***KCB is recommending Stephanie Quinones.**Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Bimonthly – 2nd Tuesday (Even Months)

Women: 5 Senatorial District 15: 6

Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 1

F. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**Fernando C. Verdree***Eligible***(Certified Public Accountant)**

Term expired: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)**George C. McDowell***Eligible*

Term expired: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)**Zach Lee***Eligible*

Term expired: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 4 Year Term Limit: 3

Meetings: Bimonthly – 2nd Thursday (January, March, May, July, September & November)

Women: 6 Senatorial District 15: 5

Vacancies: 0

Senatorial District 29: 5

G. NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD:

Sandra Gill

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Nancy Schroeder

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Judge David Ranieri

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: n/a

Meetings: Monthly – 2nd Monday

Women: 2 Senatorial District 15: 3

Vacancies: 0 Senatorial District 29: 1

H. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Vacant

(Alternate Member 1)

Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(Alternate Member 2)

Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(Alternate Member 3)

Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Delano Leftwich

Not Eligible

(Alternate Member 4)

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Term expired: December 31, 2025

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3rd Wednesday		
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15:	2
Vacancies:	4	Senatorial District 29:	4

I. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION (PAC):

Rick Stallings

Eligible

Term Expires: August 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Gloria Thomas

Not Eligible

Term Expires: August 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

****Councilor Crabb is nominating Ralph King.***

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Twice a month – 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday		
Women:	3	Senatorial District 15:	6
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29:	3

J. REGION SIX REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

Dr. Janet C. Bussey

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Bimonthly – 2nd Wednesday (Odd months)		
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15:	3
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29:	1

K. TREE BOARD:

Vacant

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(Residential Development)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(Commercial or Industrial Development)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(Public Utility Representative)

Term expires: July 1, 2028

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year

Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Meets as needed.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 4

Vacancies: 6

Senatorial District 29: 1