

Council Members

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Glenn Davis

John M. House
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Clerk of Council
Sandra T. Davis



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

November 29, 2022
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting / Work Session

MAYOR'S AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen, Presiding

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Pro Tem Allen

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the November 15, 2022 Council Meeting.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Adrian Chester, Re: The Liberty Theatre.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Memorandum of Understanding with the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce for Small Business and Non-Profit Grant Program Administration Services

Approval is requested to authorize a MOU with the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce to administer CCG's small business and non-profit grant programs funded by State Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act.

2. PURCHASES

A. Three (3) Ford Explorers for the Fire & EMS Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

EMERGENCY PURCHASES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. FORD F-250 4x4 PICKUP FOR HOMELAND SECURITY

On November 10, 2022, the City Manager approved the emergency purchase of one (1) Ford F-250 4x4 Pickup for Homeland Security, due to exigent circumstances, per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-115, Emergency Procurement.

This vehicle was approved in the FY23 Budget for use by staff in the performance of their daily duties. The State Contract vendor, Allan Vigil Ford, notified the Public Works Director on November 9, 2022, that the Order Bank for these vehicles will open and close on November 14, 2022. Consequently, the vehicle had to be ordered as soon as possible.

The vehicle will be purchased from Allan Vigil Ford at a unit price of \$51,376.00 by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002. This is a new vehicle.

Funding is available in the FY23 Budget: General Fund – Homeland Security – Homeland Security – Light Trucks; 0101-450-1000-HSEC-7722.

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2. 2023 CHEVROLET TAHOE FOR MUSCOGEE COUNTY PRISON

On November 16, 2022, the City Manager approved the emergency purchase of one (1) 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe for Muscogee County Prison, due to exigent circumstances, per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-115, Emergency Procurement.

This vehicle was approved in the FY23 Budget for use by Warden Herbert Walker. The State Contract vendor, Hardy Chevrolet, notified the Public Works Director on November 1, 2022, that the Order Bank for these vehicles will open and close between November 16, 2022 and November 18, 2022, but that the specific vehicle is available on their lot. Therefore, due to the order bank closing a request to purchase the vehicle was made due to its immediate availability.

The vehicle will be purchased from Hardy Chevrolet at a unit price of \$38,201.00 by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD0000183-0002. This is a new vehicle.

Funding is available in the FY23 Budget: General Fund – MCP – Warden – Light Trucks; 0101-420-1000-MCCI-7722.

3. WORK SESSION AGENDA

- A. Restoring Locks & Dams on ACF – Phillip Clayton, Director of Economic Development & Executive Director, TriRivers Waterway Development Association
- B. Cooper Creek Tennis Center Update - CORTA Board President Michelle Fuller and Judy Pearce
- C. Liberty Theatre Cultural Arts Center Proposed Transfer of Ownership to City and Grant Opportunity- Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning and Development
- D. 2023 Legislative Agenda – Add Ons:
 - Designation of Muscogee County as a Single County Judicial Circuit
 - Casino Gaming Referendum
 - Legitimation Procedures
 - Municipal Court Jurisdiction
 - Housing Affordability
 - Mayor/Mayor Pro Tem Compensation
 - New Options Waiver Program and Comprehensive Supports Waiver ProgramApproval is requested of the add on resolutions for the 2023 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.
- E. Lighting Upgrade Update- Pamela Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development & Georgia Power
- F. ARP Phase 2 Update- Pamela Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development
- G. Police Crime Prevention Update - Freddie Blackmon, Chief of Columbus Police Department
- H. Sheriff's Crime Prevention Update - Greg Countryman, Sheriff

BID ADVERTISEMENT

November 30, 2022

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Scope of Bid

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2. **Metal Storage Shed for METRA – PQ No. 23-0007**
Scope of Quote

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to provide one (1) metal storage shed (complete set) of commercial grade metal, for outdoor use at the Department of Transportation/METRA Transfer Center.

3. **Dumpster/Roll Off Container Rental and Servicing (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0016**
Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking vendors to provide dumpsters/roll-off containers on a rental basis, to include servicing the equipment on an “as needed” basis. Services will be procured both during the week and on weekends.

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December 9, 2022

1. **Grounds Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0013**
Scope of RFP

Provide routine grounds maintenance services on a weekly, monthly and yearly basis, to include fertilizing, weekly mowing, edging, weed control, irrigation, pruning, mulching, disease and insect control, etc. The Public Works Department manages one hundred and eleven (111) grounds maintenance sites within nine contract areas in Muscogee County. These areas enhance the appearance of major road arteries and high visibility areas and improve the quality of life for citizens.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Email Correspondence from Ms. Patricia Montgomery resigning from her seat on the Animal Control Advisory Board.
2. **Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Tax Assessors, #34-22

Convention & Visitors Bureau, Board of Commissioners, August 18, 2022

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Elizabeth Raines Cook – Interested in serving *(Mayor's Appointment)*
(Business Community)
Eligible to succeed
Term Expired: June 30, 2022

Mayor Henderson is nominating Ms. Elizabeth Raines Cook to serve another term of office.

These are four-year terms. Board meets monthly.

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

- A. **COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:** Ms. Janet Bussey was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Woodson's nominee)* New Term expires: June 30, 2024
- B. **COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:** Mr. Richard Leary was nominated to serve another term of office as the Columbus Hurricane Representative. *(Councilor Woodson's nominee)* New Term expires: June 30, 2024

- C. **TREE BOARD:** Ms. Kristin Youngquist was nominated to serve another term of office in the At-Large seat. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* New Term expires: December 31, 2025
- D. **TREE BOARD:** Ms. Lisa Thomas-Cutts was nominated to serve another term of office in the KCBC Director or Commissioner seat. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* New Term expires: December 31, 2025
- E. **TREE BOARD:** Ms. Tannis Danley was nominated to serve another term of office in the Landscape / Forestry seat. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* New Term expires: December 31, 2025
- F. **TREE BOARD:** Ms. Catherine Trotter was nominated to serve another term of office in the At-Large seat. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* New Term expires: December 31, 2025

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File Attachments for Item:

1. Approval of minutes for the November 15, 2022 Council Meeting.

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

November 15, 2022
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

M A Y O R ’ S A G E N D A

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 5:35 p.m.), R. Walker Garrett (via Microsoft Teams), John M. House, Bruce Huff (arrived at 5:34 p.m.), Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker and Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) Homeland Security- Emergency Management Presentation; (2) American Rescue Plan Grant Presentation

The following documents were distributed to the members of Council: (1) Muscogee County School District Strategic Plan Snapshot; (2) Columbus Consolidated Government Monthly Finance Snapshot (Unaudited) FY2023 – October 2022

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Reverend Grace Burton-Edwards, St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the November 8, 2022, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent for the vote.

PRESENTATIONS:

2. Muscogee County School District Highlights (Presented by Dr. David Lewis, Superintendent of Education, Muscogee County School District and Patricia Hugley-Green, Board Chair, Muscogee County Board of Education)

Superintendent of Education Dr. David Lewis (Muscogee County School District) approached the rostrum to provide information on the strategic plan, progress and 2022 to 2023 initiatives. He explained many of the initiatives are formatted to encourage students to take responsibility and take the lead in their educational goals.

3. New Siren Technology (Presented by Chance Corbett, Director, Emergency Management & Homeland Security)

Emergency Management & Homeland Security Director Chance Corbett approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the severe weather notification system. He explained the current outdoor warning sirens were installed approximately twenty years ago, but they are working on getting the siren system upgraded. He stated the new upgrades include the ability to schedule testing, remote capabilities, upgraded software system, text and email notifications when sirens are activated, better activation history, and polygon-based warning capabilities.

RESOLUTION (ADD-ON):

4. **Resolution (366-22):** A resolution authorizing the appointment of Ms. Donna McGinnis as Internal Auditor/ Compliance Officer. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the appointment of Donna McGinnis as the Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried by a seven-to-three vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, House, Huff, Thomas, Tucker, and Woodson voting in favor, and Councilors Crabb, Davis, and Garrett voting in opposition.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (22-058) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-09-22-1673: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **7513 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 073-029-002) from LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
2. **Ordinance (22-059) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-09-22-1674: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; this amendment changes certain boundaries of a district located at **3201 / 3203 / 3205 / 3209 / 3213 / 3215 / 3217 / 3223 6th Avenue** (parcel # 014-018-022 / 023 / 024 / 025 / 046 / 026 / 026A / 026B) from RMF1 (Residential Multifamily 1) / LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District to RMF2 (Residential Multifamily 2) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend conditional approval.) (Councilor Garrett) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

RESOLUTION

3. **Resolution (367-22):** A resolution approving a contract with Georgia Probation Services, Inc. to provide probations services for Superior, Municipal and Recorder's Courts. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Abby Moorman, representing The Center at 909, Re: To present the functions, social services, and forensic medical services provided by Sexual Assault Support Center, Inc. dba The Center at 909.
2. Mr. Wane Hailes, representing the NAACP, Re: A request for the City Council to vote on a casino in Columbus, Georgia. ***Not Present***

Councilor Toyia Tucker read a message from NAACP President Wane Hailes, requesting for the members of Council consider approving the resolution to allow casinos in the State of Georgia to send to the local legislative delegation.

MEETING TYPE CHANGE:

An oral resolution changing the November 29, 2022 Meeting from a Consent Agenda / Work Session to a Regular Meeting and Work Session. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the change, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. 2023 Legislative Agenda Add Ons – Child Abuse Hotline Posting & Legitimation Procedures

A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce statewide legislation supporting the legislative study of legitimation procedures to make them more affordable and accessible to fathers of limited means who desire to take responsibility for a role in the life of their biological children.

Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Tucker. After some additional discussion, Councilor Crabb withdrew her motion to approve.

Councilor Glenn Davis requested that he be allowed additional time to look over the resolution regarding legitimation procedures.

Resolution (368-22): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce statewide legislation that will require posting of appropriate hotlines to report abuse at child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

2. Transportation Investment Act of 2010 Project Agreement Steam Mill Road Improvements

Resolution (369-22): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) in order to receive Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Funds and to proceed with all elements of work as outlined in the agreement to include

but not limited to right of way acquisition, permanent and temporary construction easements utility relocation, environmental mitigation and other necessary agreements to deliver the Steam Mill Road Improvements Project. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

3. Street Acceptance – Hals Way, that portion of Plateau Drive, that portion of Elliotts Avenue, and that portion of Providence Lane located in Phase One, Elliotts Walk

Resolution (370-22): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to Hals Way, that portion of Plateau Drive, that portion of Elliotts Avenue and that portion of Providence Lane located in Phase One, Elliotts Walk, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

4. Hawks Foundation Grant

Resolution (371-22): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to authorize Parks and Recreation Department to apply for grants available through the Hawks Foundation and Georgia Recreation and Parks Association to accept any funds if awarded and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

5. Unused Sick Leave Payment

Resolution (372-22): A resolution authorizing payment to employees for unused sick leave in accordance with 16B-15-6(2) of the Columbus Code of Ordinances. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

6. Columbus Police Department: Donations

Resolution (373-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept donated funds of \$6,125.00 from two donors on behalf of the Columbus Police Department, with no additional funds required. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

***NOTE:** Councilor Woodson was not present for the votes listed on the City Manager's Agenda Items #1 through #6 but requested her vote be cast in the affirmative for these items upon returning to her respective seat.*

7. Kemp ARP Neighborhood Grant- Add-On Resolution

Resolution (374-22): A resolution authorizing the City to apply for the grant and if awarded, accept monies up to \$2.9 million from the Kemp Neighborhood Improvement Grant. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

8. PURCHASES

A. Declaration of Surplus and Donation of Structural Firefighting Pants and Jackets

Resolution (375-22): A resolution authorizing to declare eighty-one (81) structural firefighting pants and ninety-one (91) structural firefighting jackets as surplus, in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; and authorize the donation of the surplus equipment as follows: Harris County EMS (30 jackets/30 pants); Northside Highschool Fire Academy (30 jackets/25 pants); and West Georgia Technical College (31 jackets/26 pants). Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

B. Bus Shelters (Annual Contract) - RFB No. 23-0011

Resolution (376-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase of bus shelters from Brasco International, Inc. (Madison Heights, MI). METRA has historically budgeted \$20,000, per year, for the purchase of bus shelters. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

C. Extension of the Motorola Migration Assurance Plan (MAP) Lease Purchase Agreement for the 800 MHZ Radio System

Resolution (377-22): A resolution authorizing the agreement from Motorola Solutions to extend the current map (Mitigation Assurance Plan) for the 800 MHZ radio system for an additional seven (7) years, through March 20, 2031, at a total cost of \$15,381,029.00, which will be paid over the seven years as follows: FY25- \$1,786,381.00; FY26- \$2,440,922.00; FY27- \$2,137,926.00; FY28- \$2,492,237.00; FY29- \$2,089,813.00; FY30- \$2,173,406.00; FY31- \$2,260,344.00. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. 2023 Legislative Agenda – Add Ons

Approval is requested of the add on resolutions for the 2023 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

9. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. ARP Grant Program Update- Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning and Development

Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott approached the rostrum to provide an update on the second round of American Rescue Plan (ARP) Grant Program. He explained the criteria for non-profit organizations to apply for grant funding.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- In the future, see about reducing the minimum operating budget threshold for non-profits to \$50,000.
(Request of Councilor Tucker)

B. Monthly Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to provide a monthly finance update for October 2022.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Provide an update on the sales tax revenue during the November 29, 2022, meeting. (*Request of Mayor Pro Tem Allen*)

FLAGPOLE LIGHTING UPDATE:

At the request of Councilor Thomas, **Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin** came forward to provide an update on the flagpole lighting. She then announced that there is lighting on the flagpole, and we are looking at other city-owned facilities that may be flying the flag as well.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

November 16, 2022

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2. Minnow Tank for Parks and Recreation – PQ No. 23-0008

Scope of PQ

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CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

- RESOLUTION (378-22)** - A Resolution appointing Jayne Govar to the Board of Tax Assessors for a term of office to begin on January 1, 2023 and expires on December 31, 2028. Councilor

Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

2. Travel Authorization Request for Councilor Toyia Tucker to attend NACo 2023 Legislative Conference during the month of February 2023. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

Councilor Toyia Tucker explained she would like to provide a report at the first meeting in March 2023 to the members of Council regarding the 2023 NACo Legislative Conference.

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #33-22

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Vincent Allen (*Resigned*) for a term that expires on March 24, 2023, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

B. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Janet Bussey (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving another term*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2022, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Woodson renominated Janet Bussey to serve another term on the Columbus Aquatics Commission.

A nominee for the seat of Richard Leary (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving another term*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2022, as the Columbus Hurricanes Representative on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Woodson renominated Richard Leary to serve another term as the Columbus Hurricanes Representative on the Columbus Aquatics Commission.

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

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

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

A nominee for a vacant seat with a term that expired on June 30, 2022 on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

C. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Fred Greene (*Resigned*) for a term that expires on January 31, 2024, as the Historic District Resident on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

D. TREE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Kristin Youngquist (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2022, as an At-Large Representative on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Kristin Youngquist to serve another term on the Tree Board.

A nominee for the seat of Lisa Thomas-Cutts (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2022, as the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission Director or Commissioner Representative on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Lisa Thomas- Cutts to serve as the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission Director or Commissioner Representative on the Tree Board.

A nominee for the seat of Tannis Danley (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2022, as the Landscape/Forestry Representative on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Tannis Danley to serve another term as the Landscape/Forestry Representative on the Tree Board.

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A nominee for the seat of Chris Henson (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on July 1, 2022, as the Environmental Advocacy Representative on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Troy Keller (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2020, as the Educator Representative on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

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

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- There is a memorial at J. R. Allen Parkway right before you cross over the bridge going into Alabama. Let' look into it further to find a more appropriate location for the dedication to the Korean War veterans. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

- Replace signage and have trees cut back at the intersection of Walker Street and Howe Avenue.
(Request of Councilor Woodson)

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the November 15, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council, and the time being 7:54 p.m.

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

File Attachments for Item:

1. Memorandum of Understanding with the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce for Small Business and Non-Profit Grant Program Administration Services

Approval is requested to authorize a MOU with the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce to administer CCG's small business and non-profit grant programs funded by State Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #1.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Memorandum of Understanding with the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce for Small Business and Non-Profit Grant Program Administration Services
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize a MOU with the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce to administer CCG's small business and non-profit grant programs funded by State Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act.
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize a MOU with the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce to administer CCG's small business and non-profit grant programs funded by the State of GA's Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act.

Background: The City has previously funded small business and nonprofit economic relief grant programs utilizing funding received under the American Rescue Plan Act and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. The City has previously partnered with StartUP Columbus and the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce to administer the grant programs that provided assistance to small businesses of Columbus that have negatively been affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. With that, the city would like to continue its partnership with the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce to maintain continuity in oversight of the grant relief programs.

Analysis: The Chamber will assist CCG with awarding various economic relief grants using the State's Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Financial Considerations: CCG has been awarded \$4 million from the State's Fiscal Recovery Funds for the grant programs.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review all agreements as to form before execution.

Recommendation/Action: Approve the authorization of a MOU with the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce to administer CCG's small business and non-profit grant programs funded by the State of GA's Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GREATER COLUMBUS GEORGIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO ADMINISTER THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT SMALL BUSINESS AND NON-PROFIT GRANT PROGRAMS FUNDED BY STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT.

WHEREAS, the City has previously funded small business and nonprofit economic relief grant programs utilizing funding received under the American Rescue Plan Act and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act; and

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded \$4 million from the State of Georgia in Fiscal Recovery Funds pursuant to H.R.1319 - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to maintain continuity in oversight of the grant programs by partnering with the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce once again to assist with administering the small business and nonprofit economic relief grants funded by State Fiscal Recovery Funds.

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

The City Manager is authorized to execute the attached memorandum of understanding and appropriate related documents relative to administering the city's small business and non-profits grant programs funded by State Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 29th day of November 2022, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of Council.

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

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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

WRITTEN AGREEMENT FOR USE OF
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) ADMINISTRATION FUNDING

Between

COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT *and*
GREATER COLUMBUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



**WRITTEN AGREEMENT FOR USE OF
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FUNDING
BETWEEN
THE CONSOLIDATED
GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
And
GREATER COLUMBUS GEORGIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
1718 2ND AVENUE
COLUMBUS, GA 31901**

THIS AGREEMENT entered this ___ day of **December, 2022** by and between **The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia** (herein called the "**City**") and **The Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce** (herein called the "**Chamber**").

WHEREAS, the **City** has received funds from the State of Georgia and the United States Government under H.R.1319 - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021;

WHEREAS, the **City** wishes to engage the **Chamber** to assist the **City** by processing applications and providing applicable technical support for funds through small business economic relief and nonprofit relief grants;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereunto do hereby agree as follows:

I. SCOPE OF SERVICE

Agency:	Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce
Activity Category	American Rescue Plan (ARP) Administration
	Small Business Economic Relief Grant
	Nonprofit Relief Grant

A. Activities

The **Chamber** will be responsible for processing applications and providing applicable technical support related to an American Rescue Plan Act program for the following activities in a manner satisfactory to the **City** and consistent with any standards required as a condition of providing these funds. Such Program Delivery will include the following activities eligible under the American Rescue Plan Relief Grant Programs:

Goals and Performance Standards

The **Chamber** and appropriate entities will provide application intake, review, packaging and other applicable economic development and technical support for eligible entities under the American Rescue Plan Relief Grant Programs. Scope of performance includes the provision of available and applicable technical assistance for entities to apply for grant funding. In addition, the **Chamber** forward completed applications, in the order of completion, of for-profit businesses and nonprofit entities for funding by screening eligible clients for Grant funding which must be exclusively used for rent/mortgage, utility assistance and operational retrofitting.



*GOALS: The **Chamber** via Technical and Operational Assistance and Economic Development Support for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Economic Recovery Grant Programs over the course of the Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023.

*PERFORMANCE: The **Chamber** will submit completed applications, in the order received, to the American Rescue Plan program team at the **City**.

B. General Administration

The **Chamber** shall provide to the **City** all records and documents as required for this activity. This shall include, but is not limited to:

- Providing the "City" with a monthly progress report to be distributed to local officials and citizens; at the discretion of the "City".
- Preparing program descriptions for marketing and communication of the program.
- Evaluating program documents against stated objectives.
- Assist in the resolution of audit and monitoring findings when appropriate.
- Managing and supervising personnel whose primary responsibilities include such assignments as those described above.

Budget

Operational Expenses	\$80,000
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Total	\$80,000
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Performance Monitoring

The **City** will monitor the performance of the **Chamber** against goals and performance standards as stated in section I.A of this written agreement. Substandard performance as determined by the **City** will constitute non-compliance with this agreement. If action to correct such substandard performance is not taken by the **Chamber** within a reasonable period of time after being notified by the **City**, contract suspension or termination procedures will be initiated. Failure to correct the sub-standard performance may also result in the repayment of previously reimbursed expenditures to the **City**. In addition, substandard performance will negatively impact future funding opportunities.

II. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

Services of the **Chamber** shall begin as reasonably soon as possible and end on June 30, 2023, or when program funds are depleted or when there is insufficient activity to warrant continuation. Final reimbursement request is due to the "**City**" no later than July 12, 2023, but may occur sooner, for expenses incurred through June 30, 2022 or other designated ending period indicated in writing by the **Chamber**. Extensions of this agreement may occur by amendment of this agreement, prior to expiration and by mutual consent.

III. PAYMENT

It is expressly agreed and understood that the total amount to be paid by the **City** under this contract shall not exceed **\$80,000.00**. Drawdowns for the payment of eligible expenses shall be made against the line item budgets specified in Paragraph I.B herein and in accordance with performance.



IV. NOTICES

Communication and details concerning this contract shall be directed to the following contract representatives:

CITY

Pamela Hodge
Deputy City Manager
City of Columbus
P.O. Box 1340
Columbus, GA. 31901
(706)-225-3918

Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce

Meghan Richardson
Senior Director Economic Development
Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1200
Columbus, GA. 31902
(706) 596-7012

V. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The **Chamber** agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and all Federal regulations and policies issued pursuant to these regulations.

VI. GENERAL CONDITIONS

A. General Compliance

The **Chamber** agrees to comply with all applicable Federal, State and Local laws and regulations governing the funds provided under this contract.

B. Independent Contractor

Nothing contained in this agreement is intended to, or shall be construed in any manner, as creating or establishing the relationship of employer/employee or principal/agent between the parties. The **Chamber** shall at all times remain an independent contractor with respect to the services to be performed under this agreement.

C. Grantor Recognition

The **Chamber** shall ensure recognition of the role of the grantor agency in providing services through this contract. All activities, facilities and items utilized pursuant to this contract shall be prominently labeled as to funding source.

D. Reallocation of funds, Termination, Suspension, Conditions

Either party may terminate this contract at any time by giving written notice to the other party of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof at least 30 days before the effective date of such termination. Partial terminations of the Scope of Service in paragraph I.A. above may only be undertaken with the prior approval of the **City**. In the event of any termination for convenience, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, maps, models, photographs, reports or other materials prepared by the **Chamber** under this Agreement shall, at the option of the **City**, become the property of the **City**, and the **Chamber** shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents or materials prior to the termination.



The **City** may also suspend or terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, if the **Chamber** materially fails to comply with any term of this Agreement, or with any of the rules, regulations or provisions referred to herein; and the **City** may declare the **Chamber** ineligible for any further participation in **City** contracts, in addition to other remedies as provided by law. In the event there is probable cause to believe the **Chamber** is in noncompliance with any applicable rules or regulations, the **City** may withhold all available contract funds until such time as the **Chamber** is found to be in compliance by the **City** or is otherwise adjudicated to be in compliance. The **Chamber** is entitled to a formal hearing before the **City** can withhold contract funds and/or suspend or terminate this Agreement due to a material failure on the part of the **Chamber** to comply with any terms of this Agreement.

If, due to any cause, the **Chamber** fails to comply with the terms, conditions or requirements of this Agreement, the **City** may terminate or suspend this Agreement by giving written notice of the same and specifying the effective date of termination or suspension at least 30 days prior to such action; and with the assurance of mutual acts of non-disparagement. In the case of Agreement violations by the **Chamber**, the **City** may request that all or some of the grant funds be returned even if the **Chamber** has expended the funds. The request will be made in writing. The **Chamber** agrees to return such funds as requested by the **City** within 90 days of receipt of the written request.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

A. Financial Management

1. Accounting Standards

The **Chamber** agrees to comply with OMB Circular A-122 and agrees to adhere to the accounting principles and procedures required therein, utilize adequate internal controls, and maintain necessary source documentation for all costs incurred.

2. Cost Principles

The **Chamber** shall administer its program in conformance with OMB Circular A-122, "Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations," as applicable, for all costs incurred whether charged on a direct or indirect basis.

B. Documentation and Record-Keeping

1. Records to be Maintained

The **Chamber** shall maintain a file and provide all applicable records required by the **City**, and that are pertinent to the activities to be funded under this Agreement to the American Rescue Plan team. Such records shall include but not be limited to:

- a. Records providing a full description of each activity undertaken;
- b. Records required determining the eligibility of activities;
- c. Financial records as required by OMB Circular A-122; and
- d. Other records necessary to document programmatic compliance.
- e. Records will be proved to the **City** as part of program reporting at the end of the engagement and will not be retained by the **Chamber**.



2. Client Data

The **Chamber** shall maintain client data demonstrating client eligibility for services provided. Such data shall include, but not be limited to, client name, address, or other basis for determining eligibility, and description of service provided. Such information shall be made available to **City** monitors or their designers for review upon request. the **Chamber** shall retain a hard copy (paper) file for each client served. **Client** data may be downloaded from the Neighborly Software Program.

3. Property Records

The **Chamber** shall maintain real property inventory records which clearly identify property ownership or rentorship.

4. Closeouts

The **Chamber's** obligation to the **City** shall not end until all closeout requirements are completed under this Agreement. Activities during this closeout period shall include, but are not limited to: making final payments, disposing of program assets (including the return of all unused materials, equipment, unspent cash advances, program income balances, and receivable accounts to the **City**) and determining the custodianship of records.

5. Audits & Inspections

All the **Chamber** records with respect to any matters covered by this agreement shall be made available to the **City**, grantor agency, their designee or the Federal Government, at any time during normal business hours, as often as the **City** or grantor agency deems necessary, to audit, examine, and make excerpts or transcripts of all relevant data. Any deficiencies noted in audit reports must be fully cleared by the **Chamber** within 30 days after receipt of a notice by the **City**. The **Chamber** has the right to request a formal hearing to review any deficiencies within the 30 day period. Failure of the **Chamber** to comply with the above audit requirements will constitute a violation of this contract and may result in the withholding of future payments. The **Chamber** hereby agrees to have an annual agency audit conducted in accordance with current **City** policy concerning the **Chamber** audits.

C. Reporting and Payment Procedures

1. Budgets

The **City** and the **Chamber** may agree to revise the budget from time to time in accordance with existing **City** policies. This Agreement may be amended upon authorization from American Rescue Plan Management Team, such as a change of moving funding from one budget line to another, the scope of services, or schedule of the activities to be undertaken as part of this Agreement, provided that all amendments make specific reference to this Agreement, and are executed in writing, signed by a duly authorized representative of both organizations, and approved by the American Rescue Plan Management Team. Such amendments shall not invalidate this Agreement, nor relieve or release **City** or the **Chamber** from each of its obligations under this Agreement.

2. Indirect Procedures



If indirect costs are charged, the **Chamber** will develop an indirect cost allocation plan for determining appropriate **City** share of administrative costs and shall submit such plan to the **City** for

approval.

3. **Payment Procedures**

The **City** will reimburse to the **Chamber** funds available under this contract based upon reimbursement requests submitted by the **Chamber** into the Neighborly Software Program by the 15th of each month and consistent with any approved budget and **City** policy concerning payments, with the exception of certain advances. The **City** in accordance with advance fund and program income balances available in the **Chamber** accounts will adjust payments. In addition, the **City** reserves the right to liquidate funds available under this contract for costs incurred by the **City** on behalf of the **Chamber**.

D. **Procurement**

1. **Compliance**

The **Chamber** shall comply with current **City** policy concerning the purchase of equipment and shall maintain an inventory record of all non-expendable personal property as defined by such policy as may be procured with funds provided herein. All program assets (unexpended program income, property, equipment, etc.) shall revert to the **City** upon termination of this contract.

2. **OMB Standards**

The **Chamber** shall procure materials in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-122, Procurement Standards, and shall subsequently follow all laws pertaining to Property Management Standards, covering utilization and disposal of property.

3. **Travel**

No travel reimbursement is authorized under this contract.

VIII. **PERSONNEL & PARTICIPANT CONDITIONS**

A. **Civil Rights, Affirmative Action and Employment**

The **Chamber** agrees to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 as amended, Section 109 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Davis-Bacon Act as amended, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 276, 327-333), Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701 u., Executive Order 11063, and with Executive Order 11246 as amended by Executive Orders 11375 and 12086 and any Federal regulations issued pursuant thereto insofar as they apply to the performance of

The **Chamber** under this Agreement. The **City** shall provide the **Chamber** with any guidelines and technical assistance necessary for compliance.

**B. Conduct****1. Assignments or Transfer**

The **Chamber** shall not assign or transfer any interest in this contract without the prior written consent of the **City** thereto; provided, however, that claims for money due or to become due to the **Chamber** from the **City** under this contract may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such approval. Notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the **City**.

2. Hatch Act

The **Chamber** agrees that no funds provided, nor personnel employed under this contract, shall be in any way or to any extent engaged in the conduct of political activities in violation of Chapter 15 of Title V, United States Code.

3. Subcontracts**a. Approvals**

The **Chamber** shall not enter into any subcontracts with any agency or individual in the performance of this contract without the written consent of the **City** prior to the execution of such agreement.

b. Monitoring

The **Chamber** will monitor all subcontracted services on a regular basis to assure contract compliance. Results of monitoring efforts shall be summarized in written reports and supported with documented evidence of follow-up actions taken to correct areas of noncompliance.

c. Content

The **Chamber** shall cause all of the provisions of this contract in its entirety to be included in and made a part of any subcontract executed in the performance of this agreement.

d. Selection Process

The **Chamber** shall undertake to ensure that all subcontracts let in the performance of this agreement shall be awarded on a fair and open competition basis. Executed copies of all Subcontracts shall be forwarded to the **City** along with documentation concerning the selection process.

4. Copyright

If this contract results in any copyrightable material, the **City** and/or grantor agency reserves the right to a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use and to authorize others to use, the work for government purposes.

5. Religious Organization

The **Chamber** agrees that funds provided under this contract will not be utilized for religious activities, to promote religious interests, or for the benefit of a religious organization.



IX. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Contract shall be held void, invalid or inoperative, no other provision of this Contract shall be affected as a result thereof, and accordingly, the remaining provisions of this Contract shall remain in full force and effect as though such void, invalid or inoperative provision had not been contained herein.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunto have affixed their signatures the year and dates specified below, and the Official Seal of the Governing Authority has been affixed.

For City of Columbus

For Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce

By: _____
(Signature)

Isaiah Hugley, City Manager
(Typed Name/Title)

By: _____
(Signature)

Jerald Mitchell, Chief Executive Officer
(Typed Name/Title)

[Impress City Seal Here]

For Attestation

By: _____
(Signature)

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council
(Typed Name/Title)

File Attachments for Item:

A. Three (3) Ford Explorers for the Fire & EMS Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Three (3) Ford Explorers for the Fire & EMS Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of three (3) 2023 Ford Explorers for the Fire & EMS Department, from Allan Vigil Ford (Morrow, GA) by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002 as follows: One (1) unit at a total cost of \$36,958.00, and two (2) units at a cost of \$33,983.00 each, totaling \$67,966.00; with a grand total for all three vehicles at \$104,924.00.

These vehicles will be used by the Fire & EMS Department in the performance of daily operations. These are replacement vehicles.

Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002 is a cooperative contract available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: LOST/Public Safety Fund – Fire & EMS - Public Safety/LOST – Automobiles; 0102 – 410 – 9900 – LOST – 7721.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 2023 FORD EXPLORERS FOR THE FIRE & EMS DEPARTMENT, FROM ALLAN VIGIL FORD (MORROW, GA), BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002, AS FOLLOWS: ONE (1) UNIT AT A TOTAL COST OF \$36,958.00, AND TWO (2) UNITS AT A COST OF \$33,983.00 EACH, TOTALING \$67,966.00; WITH A GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL THREE VEHICLES AT \$104,924.00.

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

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

FORD F-250 4x4 PICKUP FOR HOMELAND SECURITY

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The vehicle will be purchased from Allan Vigil Ford at a unit price of \$51,376.00 by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002. This is a new vehicle.

Funding is available in the FY23 Budget: General Fund – Homeland Security – Homeland Security – Light Trucks; 0101-450-1000-HSEC-7722.

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The vehicle will be purchased from Hardy Chevrolet at a unit price of \$38,201.00 by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD0000183-0002. This is a new vehicle.

Funding is available in the FY23 Budget: General Fund – MCP – Warden – Light Trucks; 0101-420-1000-MCCI-7722.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Emergency Purchases – Information Only**

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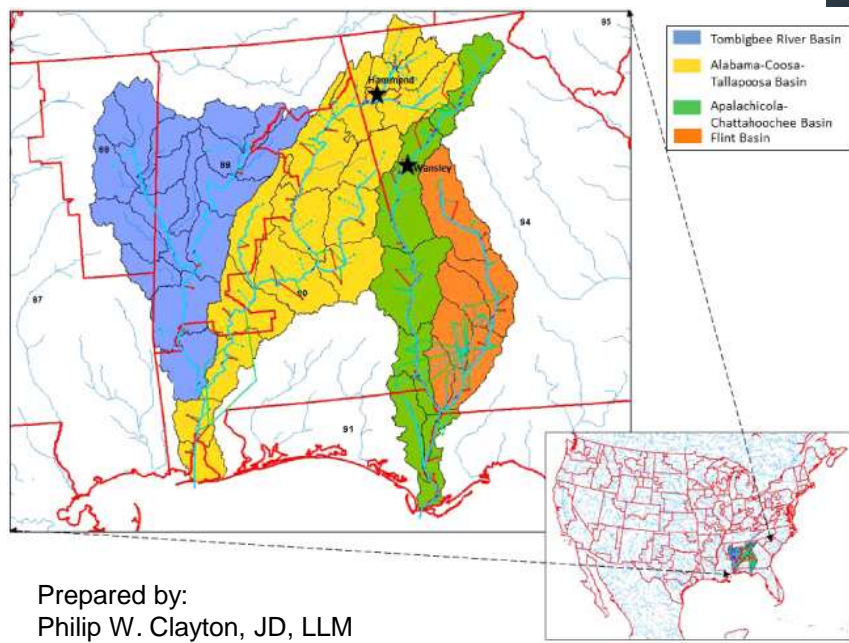
File Attachments for Item:

A. Restoring Locks & Dams on ACF – Phillip Clayton, *Director of Economic Development & Executive Director, TriRivers Waterway Development Association*

Apalachicola Chattahoochee Flint River Basin (ACF)

Item #A.

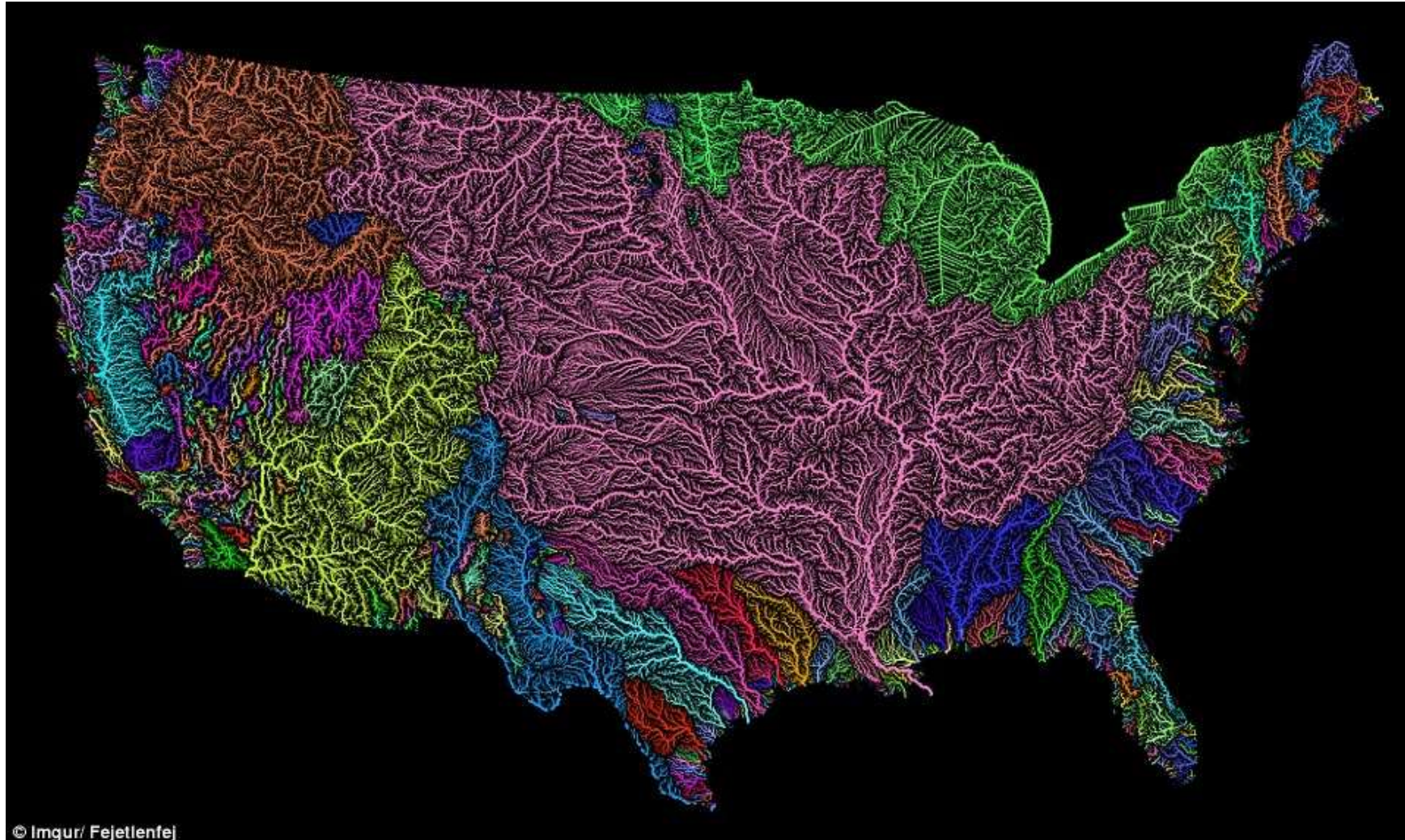
**Economic Significance to SE
Alabama, SW Georgia, and North
Florida**



Prepared by:
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An “Inland Marine Highway” for Freight Transportation



Our “inland marine highways” move commerce to and from 38 states throughout the nation’s heartland and Pacific Northwest, serve industrial and agricultural centers, and facilitate imports and exports at gateway ports on the Gulf Coast.

- 12,000 miles of commercially navigable channels
- 192 lock sites

ACF Project Information

Navigation

- ~\$6.2 B in lock infrastructure sitting unused and with very limited maintenance since 2003
- 261 Miles of authorized channel from Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) to Columbus, GA
- Dredging of Apalachicola segment (FL) last occurred in 2001
- US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) annual appropriation for all Civil Works is ~~\$8.7 Billion (Proposed FY2023)
- USACE 2020 estimate of \$94.2 mil to repair all 3 locks and spillways (1.6% of the annual budget)
- US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will not allocate resources per the OMB utilization algorithm (maintenance requirements X commercial utilization = annual funding)
- HQ, South Atlantic Division, USACE has additional funding under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
- With locks repaired the system is 65-70% reliable for commercial nav most years (Nov – Jul)
- Limited dredging may be required at Mile Marks 77.8, 40.5, and 36.5 (~< 9 miles of channel)
- Limited dredging, even to 7.5 feet, in the shallow areas improves reliability to 90-95%
- \$ 8.5 to 10 mil annually needed to keep project at acceptable level of maintenance (utilization will allow funding through the annual civil works appropriation)

ACF Project Information

Item #A.

Economics^{2&3}

- The tri-state region bounding the lower ACF is an economically depressed area
- Poverty rates in the region are nearly twice that of the national average
- The economic potential of commercial navigation are significant to the region
- Greatly reduces the wear and tear on existing road infrastructure due to heavy loads
- Current Industry and Water Supply – tristate \$7.1B and 39,000 jobs
- Current Tourism – tristate \$662M and 5,100 jobs

- Commercial Navigation – tristate²
 - ▶ Currently 27 potential users identified – includes National Defense, renewable energy (wood pellets and nuclear)
 - ▶ Est. 80 to 416 barge shipments per year (23,296 truck equivalent loads)
 - ▶ Potential for over 3.33 million tons of cargo annually

 - ▶ At 2.1 mil tons, potential for over 29,400 new jobs and \$1.99 billion in total economic impact over 10 years³

 - ▶ Yields an additional \$2.4 billion in tax revenue over ten years (18:1 ROI for government investment of \$136 million for repairs)³

Economic Impact

Rate of Return and Net Increase in Total Economic Impact of Lower ACF Basin Restoration Under Alternative Assumptions

Growth Assumption	Tons	Direct Employment Impact (JOBS)	Direct Output Impact	Output Total Impact	Net Increase in Output	Average Annual Rate of Return (Present Value)	Return for \$1 in Spending (Present Value)
27.5%	446,250	6,266	\$235m	\$423m	\$91m	0%	\$1.0
50%	525,000	7,372	\$277m	\$498m	\$166m	4%	\$2.0
75%	612,500	8,600	\$323m	\$581m	\$249m	18%	\$3.0
100%	700,000	9,829	\$269m	\$664m	\$322m	24%	\$4.0
500%	2,100,000	29,487	\$738m	\$1,994m	\$1,700m	178%	\$18

Source: Deravi, M. Keivan, PhD. Economic Research Services, Inc., August 2021, The Economic Impact of Restoration of Infrastructure on the Lower Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin.

Economic Impact for Georgia

Item #A.

Increase in Total Economic Impact of Lower ACF Basin Restoration Under Alternative Assumptions for Georgia

Tons per Year	Tons Per Year	Direct Employment Impact (JOBS)	Direct Output Impact	Output Total Impact
50.00%	525,000	3,760	\$141m	\$254m
75.00%	612,500	4,386	\$165m	\$296m
100.00%	700,000	5,013	\$137m	\$339m
500.00%	2,100,000	15,038	\$376m	\$1,017m

Source: Deravi, M. Keivan, PhD. Economic Research Services, Inc., August 2021, The Economic Impact of Restoration of Infrastructure on the Lower Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin.

Environmental Restoration Opportunity

Item #A.

Corley Slough
"Sand Mountain"

Elliott is 6 feet tall

- Site 39 (Liberty Co) is 14.8 acres and 300,000 cu yds
- Site 40 (Gulf Co) is 9.7 acres and 500,000 cu yds
- Mineral Manufacturing Co is willing to remove the materials and contribute funds for site restoration
- One of many possible locations (Within bank disposal areas) for material removal and restoration of native trees and grasses

Easing Rail and Highway Congestion in Our Communities

Units to Carry
1,750 Short Tons of Dry Cargo



1 barge



16 rail cars



70 trucks

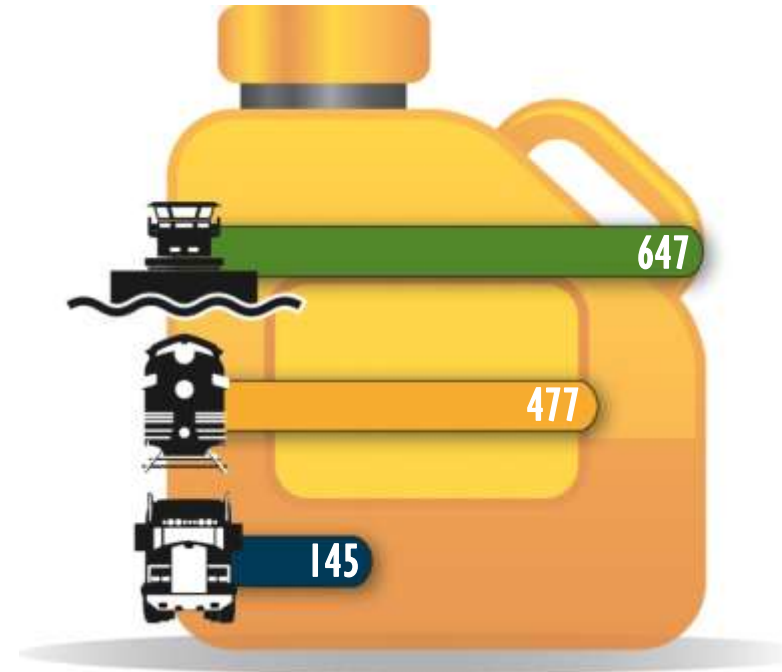


One loaded covered hopper barge carries 58,333 bushels of wheat, enough to make almost 2.5 million loaves of bread.

Moving Freight Efficiently Throughout America

Transporting freight by water is also the most energy-efficient choice.

Barges can move one ton of cargo 647 miles per gallon of fuel. A rail car would move the same ton of cargo 477 miles, and a truck only 145 miles.

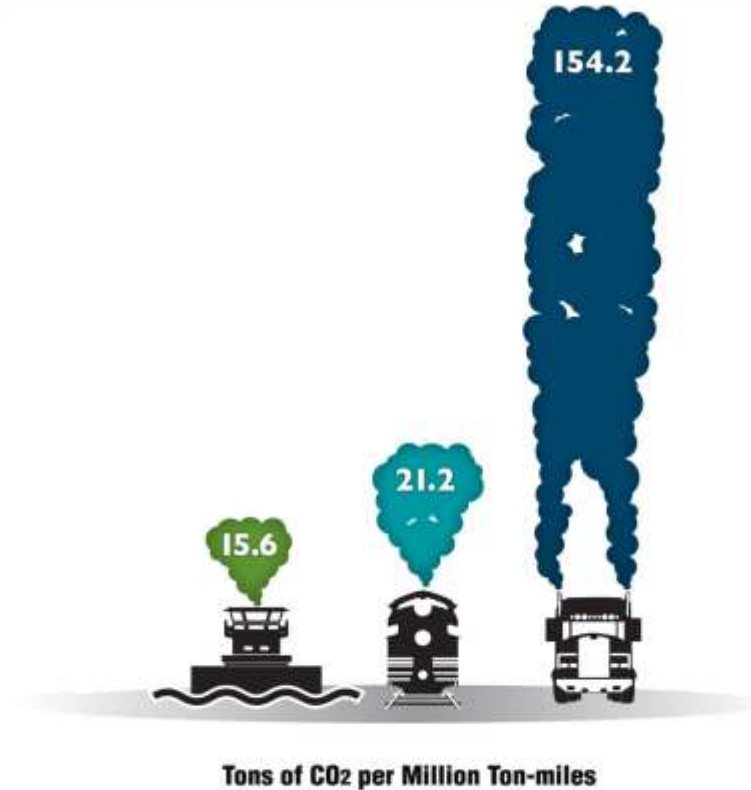


Ton-miles Traveled per Gallon of Fuel

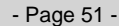
The Greener Way to Move America's Cargoes

Barges have the smallest carbon footprint among other transportation modes.

To move an identical amount of cargo by rail generates 30% more carbon dioxide than by barge, and 10 times more emissions by trucks than by barge.



Item #A.



ACF Conclusions and Recommendation

- Encourage Congressional Delegations to recommend South Atlantic Division execute IIJA funding to repair the ACF
- Full potential for over 3.33 million tons of cargo annually
- A \$136 million repair investment yields over 29,400 jobs and \$1.99 billion in total economic output over 10 years.³
- Ecological concerns must be a part of the conversation as to how channel restoration might be accomplished (techniques, disposal, etc.)
- The ACF is a crucial infrastructure asset to the nation and should be adequately maintained for ecological concerns, health and safety of downstream residences, industrial users, water supply, recreation, and commercial navigation

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Backup Information

Economic Impact for Alabama

Item #A.

Increase in Total Economic Impact of Lower ACF Basin Restoration Under Alternative Assumptions for Alabama

Tons per Year	Tons Per Year	Direct Employment Impact (JOBS)	Direct Output Impact	Output Total Impact
50.00%	525,000	2,875	\$108m	\$194m
75.00%	612,500	3,354	\$126m	\$227m
100.00%	700,000	3,833	\$105m	\$259m
500.00%	2,100,000	11,500	\$288m	\$778m

Source: Deravi, M. Keivan, PhD. Economic Research Services, Inc., August 2021, The Economic Impact of Restoration of Infrastructure on the Lower Apalachicola-Chatahoochee-Flint River Basin.

Economic Impact for Florida

Item #A.

Increase in Total Economic Impact of Lower ACF Basin Restoration Under Alternative Assumptions for Florida

Tons per Year	Tons Per Year	Direct Employment Impact (JOBS)	Direct Output Impact	Output Total Impact
50.00%	525,000	737	\$28m	\$50m
75.00%	612,500	860	\$32m	\$58m
100.00%	700,000	983	\$27m	\$66m
500.00%	2,100,000	2,949	\$74m	\$199m

Source: Deravi, M. Keivan, PhD. Economic Research Services, Inc., August 2021, The Economic Impact of Restoration of Infrastructure on the Lower Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin.

Analysis of the Economic Impact

- The restoration can create thousands of jobs and produce a return on investment that can reach an average annual rate of 24%.
- Furthermore, the investment on the ACF river system is a responsible economic policy since it follows one of the most revered economic axioms, namely, the law of comparative advantage.
- The counties around the ACF lower basin need this investment since most of them have high poverty rates and the river is their only economic asset.
- While large economic impact multipliers and impressive return on investment act as the necessary conditions for implementing this investment on a priori, the most significant aspect of this policy is its impact on revitalization of economic prosperity and security.
- This economic policy can lead to greater equity and inclusion for an economically depressed area.

File Attachments for Item:

B. Cooper Creek Tennis Center Update - CORTA Board President Michelle Fuller and Judy Pearce



Changing
Lives
Through
Tennis
Since 1952

Our History

- Founded in 1952 as a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization, the Columbus Tennis Patrons helped build 12 tennis courts at Cooper Creek Park
- In 1995, Columbus Tennis Patrons became the Columbus Regional Tennis Association, Inc.

Awards & Recognition

- 2001 USTA National Organization of the Year
- 2017 USTA Georgia Community Tennis Association of the Year
- 2017 USTA Southern Community Tennis Association of the Year
- 2017 USTA National Community Tennis Association of the Year
- Multiple awards from USTA Georgia and USTA Southern for Tournaments and Events
- USTA National Premier Tennis Center Designation (November 2022)

Our Purpose

Mission Statement

- The mission of CORTA is to promote and develop the growth of tennis.

Core Values

- CORTA is committed to the promotion, growth and development of tennis as an enjoyable lifetime sport that contributes to good health, character and responsible citizenship.
- CORTA invites all people to play, watch, support, or enjoy the game of tennis at its events, programs, and membership through participation, volunteerism, or leadership on a non-discriminatory basis.
- CORTA's mission can best be achieved through the efforts of volunteers, staff, City of Columbus, private and community partners committed to excellence and working as a team.
- CORTA is committed to maintaining fiscal responsibility, promoting the financial well-being of CORTA, and evaluating our progress towards achieving our strategic priorities, which is critical to the successful accomplishment our mission.

Community Tennis Programs

Outreach:

- Junior Teen Council
- TennisWorks!
- Adaptive Tennis Programs
 - Ad In for Special Needs Athletes
 - Special Olympic Style Tennis Games
 - Wheelchair Tennis

Programs/Leagues:

- Junior and Adult Clinics
- Junior and Adult Leagues
- Corporate Team Tennis
- Social Mixers
- Tournaments
 - Local - Junior and Adult
 - National - Junior
 - USTA League State Championships

TennisWorks!

(underserved youth, ages 5-18)


Locations:

- Cooper Creek Tennis Facility
- Frank Chester/Benning Park
- Various MCSD schools

Schedule:

- Two days per week year-round program

Benefits:

- All tennis equipment provided
- Life skills are taught through tennis:
 - Team cooperation
 - Leadership
 - Positive self-expression
 - Positive self-esteem
- Academic instruction and tutoring provided by certified teachers
- Community mentors and volunteers participate
- Countless Hours of Love Included 

Lives Impacted in 2022: 1,233 youth

TennisWorks!



Tennis Programs for Special Needs Children and Adults

- Cooper Creek Tennis Facility
- Number Impacted in 2022: **53** (adults and children)
- Programs Include:
 - *Ad In* Tennis
 - Wheelchair Tennis
 - Special Olympic Style Tennis Games (Spring 2023)



CORTA Tennis 2022: Keeping Score!

6,804	Adult Lives Impacted
2,785	Junior Lives Impacted
2,672	Tournament Participants Impacted
12,261	Total Lives Impacted

How do we define Impact?

Active lifestyle through tennis. Our programs and events have a strong healthy effect on our participants and on our local economy.
CORTA changes lives through tennis!

Cooper Creek Tennis Center is the 2nd highest generator of economic impact by venues in the City of Columbus with \$1,055,653 generated last year.
Columbus Sports Council Annual Report



Our Facility Contributions

- In 1993, the Columbus Tennis Patrons raised \$250,000 to help add 10 courts and a new clubhouse at Cooper Creek Tennis Center
- In 1999, CORTA partnered with the City of Columbus on a \$1.8 million project to expand Cooper Creek Tennis Center to 30 courts, including a stadium court (City \$600,000, CORTA \$1.2 million)
- In 2005, CORTA purchased 7.98 acres adjacent to Cooper Creek for future expansion (2015)
- In 2011, CORTA contributed funds to assist in the refurbishment of the clay courts at Cooper Creek Tennis Facility
- In 2017, CORTA partnered with the City of Columbus and Columbus State University (CSU) on a \$9.4 million project to further expand Cooper Creek Tennis Center, adding 12 post tension hard courts, 9 rubico hydro courts, 4 - 60' junior courts and a building to house the CORTA offices and CSU Tennis program.
(City \$1.7 million, CSU \$3 million, CORTA \$4.7 million)
- Support continues annually, as we are able, to help address needs of the facility. Most recently we purchased scorekeepers for each court; 55 total.

Our Future Enhancements (Phase II)

- Improve entry way of Cooper Creek Park with professionally designed landscaping and signage
- Upgrade all courts to LED lighting system and install LED lighting system on junior courts
- Add street lighting throughout the facility and parking areas to improve sense of security
- Create a terrace viewing area on a raised walkway overlooking courts 5-16
- Add five shade sail structures for spectator viewing in hard court areas
- Provide digital scoreboard to connect players and spectators to live scoring at CSU matches
- Add landscape beautification and hardscape features throughout the facility
- Add and improve parking areas
- Reduce the cost of facility operations through updated and more efficient technology

Total costs ~\$2.5 million. All projects subject to raising the needed funds.

Public/Private Partnership (Phase II)

- Through another Public/Private Partnership we can address aging areas of the complex, add enhancements to other areas and complete some of the projects that were postponed from the Phase I campaign.
- City support is critical and meaningful as we discuss the project with potential donors.
- We respectfully ask for the City to continue our successful partnership by supporting these enhancements and pledging funds to the \$2.5M project.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

File Attachments for Item:

C. Liberty Theatre Cultural Arts Center Proposed Transfer of Ownership to City and Grant Opportunity- Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning and Development



Liberty Theatre Cultural Center

City Council Meeting

November 29, 2022

Liberty Theatre Cultural Center, Inc. Board Request

On November 10, 2022, the Liberty Theatre Cultural Center, Inc. Board unanimously voted to request the City of Columbus to revisit the proposal of ownership



Item #C.

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Dear Mr. City Manager,

As Chairwoman of the Board and on behalf of the Board of Directors of The Liberty Theatre and Cultural Center, I would like to thank you for your time in consideration of this email. The Board has taken an unanimously affirmative vote and would like to ask for the City of Columbus to revisit its 2020 proposal of ownership of the Liberty Theatre Cultural Center. We would like the current Board to transition into an Advisory Board for Programming and Fundraising efforts of the Liberty. We are hopeful and excited to work with the City on a clear plan to save a significant part of our Historic Culture!

Again, thank you for your time and thank you for all you do for our great City!


Delois Dee Carr
Board Chair,
Liberty Theatre Cultural Center

Board of Directors:
Delois Dee Carr, Chair
Ku'Wonna Ingram, Vice Chair and Secretary
Curtis West, Board Member
Jarvis Hamilton, Board Member



Liberty Theatre Cultural Center, Inc.

- Request by District Councilor Mimi Woodson, and Councilors Toyia Tucker, Bruce Huff, and Pops Barnes are sponsoring this proposal



Liberty Theatre

- First opened its doors in 1924
- Closed in the 1970's due to decline, but reopened in 1996 after renovations
- Privately owned and operated by Liberty Theatre Cultural Center Inc.
- Last theater production was in 2016
- Priorities for the center include renovations, expansion, community involvement and sustainability
- Mission: To promote African American heritage, cultural and intellectual activities for the benefit and enjoyment of all who live in and visit the Columbus, Georgia

History

- During the Jim Crow and segregation era in the United States, black/African Americans did not have equal access to public “White Only” establishments.
- The Liberty Theatre was built by Martin Movie Houses with a stage for musical performances and plays in 1924 at a cost of \$30,000, primarily for local Black/African Americans as a movie and vaudeville theater. It was a venue on the “Chitlin’ Circuit”.



History

- The “Chitlin’ Circuit” was a circuit of nightclubs and theaters that featured Black American performers and catered to Black American audiences.
- The Chitlin’ Circuit was the only option for touring Black entertainers such as Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, Etta James, Billie Holiday, and many others.



History

- The Liberty theater was remodeled by the Martin Theatres Chain in 1956, to the plans of architect Rufus E. Bland.
- Integration led to the decline of the Liberty Theatre and its closing in 1973. Some documents report 1974. All reports agree that integration was the major cause.
- In March of 1980, the owners of the Liberty Theatre, Martin Theater Company, donated the theater to the William H. Spencer Golden Owlettes, Inc.



History

- It stood abandoned since 1973 until it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.
- In October of 1992, a bill was signed by President Bush for \$1 million to save the historic Liberty Theatre in Columbus, Georgia.
- In November of 1996 it reopened after a one and a half million-dollar renovation and is now called the Liberty Theatre Cultural Center, Inc.





Current Challenges

- No renovations in over 25 years
 - Roof leaks, water damage in theater, no lighting or sound system, no air conditioning, need new electric system, etc.
- No staff or funding to hire staff



Assessment in 2019

- Participation
 - City staff to include Engineering, Inspections & Code, and Public Works
 - Contractors = Roofing, Fire Alarm, Fire Protection and HVAC
 - Liberty Theatre engaged Brasfield & Gorrie
- Findings
 - Major roof issues
 - Severe water damage
 - Fire alarm and fire protection systems not in working order
 - HVAC units are at the end of the useful life
 - Electrical system repairs needed
 - Theater Lighting replacement
 - Theater A/V replacements
 - Kitchen renovation
 - Exterior improvements
 - Upgrade interior finishes
 - Paved access to loading dock
- Projected Budget = \$3 million



Since 2019...

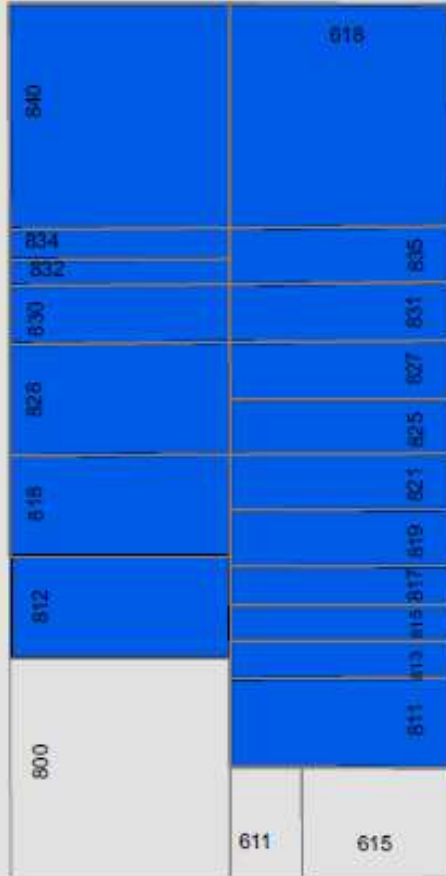
- Transfer of ownership in 2020 was requested and discussed but did not occur.
- Lost Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Funding Opportunity in the November 2021 election
- Building is continuing to deteriorate



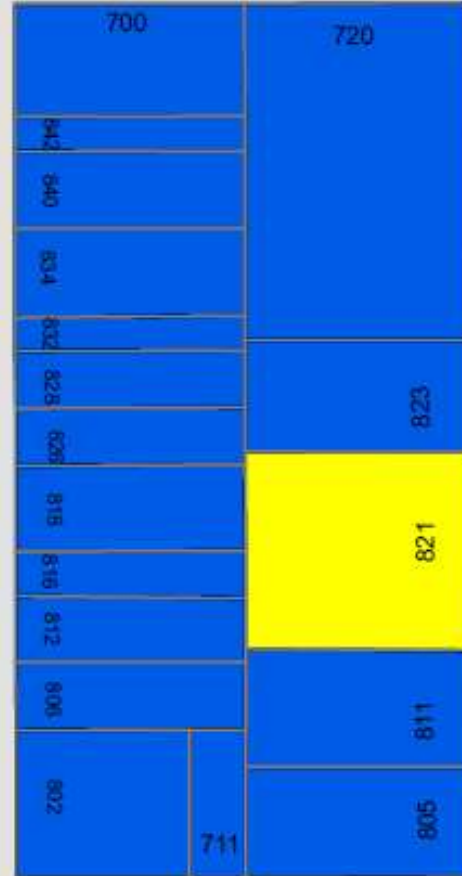
Why the City should accept ownership

- National Register of Historic Places since 1984
- Financial resources are required to restore this historic structure
- Preserve African American history in the Liberty District
- Anchor for the Liberty District
- Opportunity for programming events

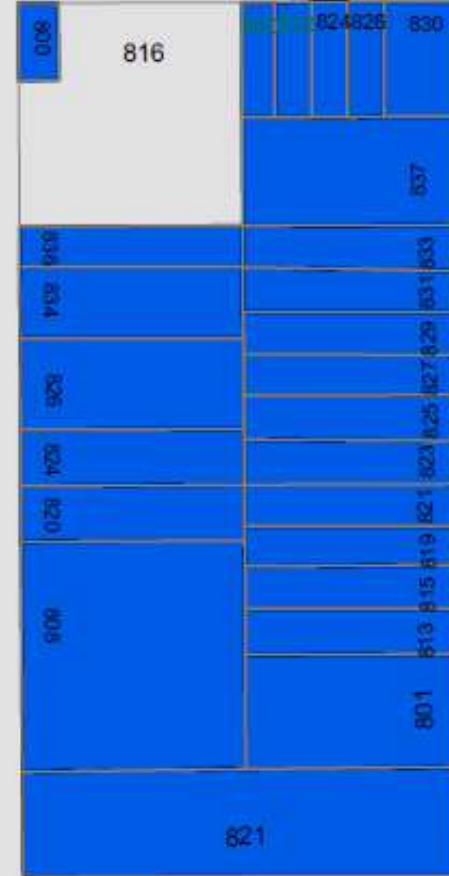
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9TH AVE

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Legend

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Current Funding Opportunities

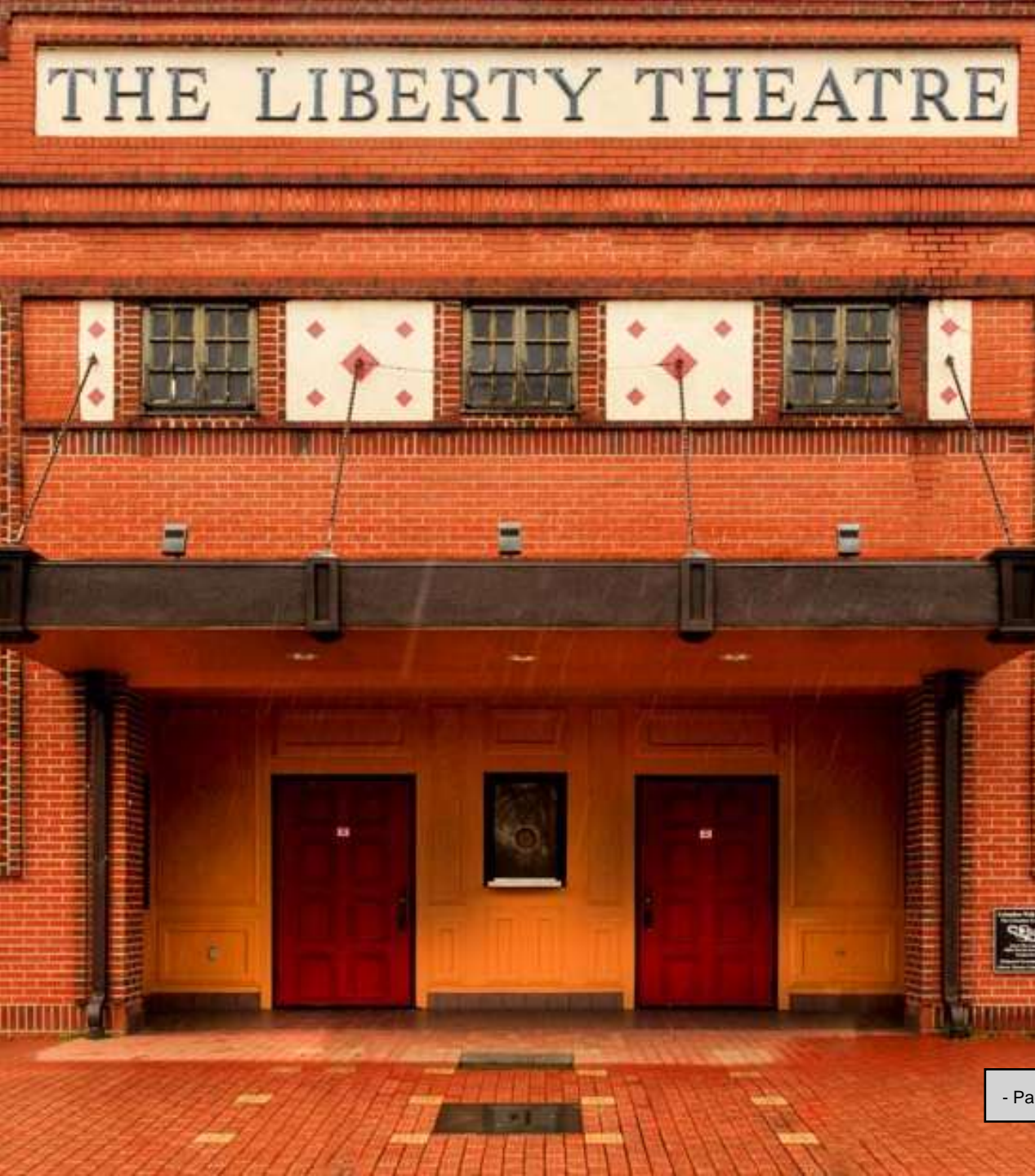
- One Georgia Special Purpose Award (DCA) - \$150,000
- Balance of Liberty District SPLOST Funds - \$300,000
- ARP Phase 2 Funding for Facility Improvements for Air Quality (HVAC) - TBD
- Save America's Treasures Grant – Up to \$750,000 (Due December 20, 2022)
- National Trust for Historic Preservation – African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund Grant – Up to \$150,000 (Letter of Intent due December 19, 2022)
- OLOST Infrastructure Future Allocation – TBD
- Columbus Building Authority Bonds – TBD
- TSPLOST Project for Streetscapes on 8th Ave. between 8th Street and 9th Street - \$4 million



November 2022 Considerations

- DCA grant requires that the property be owned by a public entity or have a long-term leasehold interest (99-year lease)
- Save America's Treasures Grant and American Cultural Heritage Action Fund Grant allows the City to apply if under the ownership of the City
- Option to assess the property and conduct a feasibility study if under City ownership
- Once renovated, consider using Civic Center staff for operations and programming





Next Steps

- December 2022
 - Determine acceptance of the ownership of the Liberty Theatre
 - District Councilor Mimi Woodson and Councilors Toyia Tucker, Bruce Huff and Pops Barnes are sponsoring this proposal
 - If ownership is transferred, apply for, and if awarded, accept a grant from the National Park Service, Save America's Treasures program and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund

THE LIBERTY THEATRE

Item #C.

QUESTIONS

File Attachments for Item:

D. 2023 Legislative Agenda – Add Ons:

- Designation Of Muscogee County as A Single County Judicial Circuit
- Casino Gaming Referendum
- Legitimation Procedures
- Municipal Court Jurisdiction
- Housing Affordability
- Mayor/Mayor Pro Tem Compensation
- New Options Waiver Program And Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program

Approval is requested of the add on resolutions for the 2023 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #D.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	2023 Legislative Agenda – Add Ons: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Designation Of Muscogee County as A Single County Judicial Circuit- Casino Gaming Referendum- Legitimation Procedures- Municipal Court Jurisdiction- Housing Affordability- Mayor/Mayor Pro Tem Compensation- New Options Waiver Program And Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested of the add on resolutions for the 2023 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.
INITIATED BY:	Isaiah, Hugley, City Manager

Recommendation: Approval is requested of the add on resolutions for the 2023 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

Background: Each year elected and appointed officials of the Columbus Consolidated Government develop a list of issues important to the citizens of Columbus that requires action by the Local Legislative Delegation. Once approved, a meeting will be held with the Delegation to explain the rationale behind these issues and to solicit their support. The Hometown Connection and Legislative Agenda meeting was held on October 19, 2022.

Analysis: Staff, elected and appointed officials were asked to present issues they felt were important to the operation of city government. Research and justification for these issues were presented to the City Manager and a list was prepared for presentation to the Mayor/Council.

Financial Considerations: The City is expected to receive additional revenues if many of the issues are passed by the Georgia General Assembly.

Recommendations/Actions: Approve those resolution, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

1. **DESIGNATION OF MUSCOGEE COUNTY AS A SINGLE COUNTY JUDICIAL CIRCUIT:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the local legislative delegation to the General Assembly introduce legislation to create a Muscogee Judicial Circuit comprised of judges from Muscogee County Superior Court. (*Request of Councilor Toyia Tucker, and Evelyn Mimi Woodson*)

Explanation:

See attached letter.

2. **CASINO GAMING REFERENDUM:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the legislative delegation to the General Assembly introduce or support legislation to authorize a statewide referendum for a constitutional amendment to allow Georgia citizens to vote as to whether casino gaming should be allowed in Georgia for the purpose of Hope Scholarship funding. Further, if any such constitutional amendment is adopted, this Council requests a local referendum be established for approval or rejection of any such casino gaming in Muscogee County. (*Request of Councilor Evelyn Mimi Woodson/Carry Over From Previous Years*)

Explanation:

To provide Hope Scholarships to college bound students to ensure that a lack of funding does not prevent them from going to college, staying in college and graduating from college.

3. **LEGITIMATION PROCEDURES:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the legislative delegation to the General Assembly introduce a resolution supporting the legislative study of legitimation procedures to make them more affordable and accessible to fathers of limited means who desire to take responsibility for a role in the life of their biological children. (*Request of Councilor Evelyn Mimi Woodson*)

Explanation:

The benefit of having two parents responsible for a child is known to have a positive effect on the child's welfare. The legislative study of the legitimation procedures required by Georgia law to determine whether they can be revised to make them more accessible and less costly would further increase well-being and economic security for the children of this State.

4. **MUNICIPAL COURT JURISDICTION:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the legislative delegation to the General Assembly to amend an Act establishing the Municipal Court of Columbus, Georgia, approved August 12, 1915 (Ga. L. 1915, p. 63), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 29, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 4443), so as to increase the civil jurisdiction amount of said Court to \$50,000; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. (*Request of Judge Steven Smith, Municipal Court Judge*)

Explanation:

To amend an Act establishing the Municipal Court of Columbus, Georgia, approved August 12, 1915 (Ga. L. 1915, p. 63), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 29, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 4443), so as to increase the civil jurisdiction amount of said Court to \$50,000; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5. **HOUSING AFFORDABILITY:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the local legislative delegation introduce an amendment to said statewide legislation to allow cities and counties to enact localized anti-displacement policies for properties in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) and Difficult Development Areas (DDAs) economically depressed zones as defined by general law of the General Assembly. (*Request of Councilor Toyia Tucker*)

Explanation:

O.C.G.A. Section 44-7-19 prohibits city and county governments from enacting, maintaining, or enforcing “any ordinance or resolution which would regulate in any way the amount of rent to be charged for privately owned, single-family or multiple-unit residential rental property.” Rising rents compound the overall financial insecurity of many households. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines a cost-burdened household as one that spends more than 30 percent of its income on housing costs. The onslaught of pandemic-related job losses, rising health care costs, and increased cost of necessities due to inflation and supply chain issues likely worsened the outlook for many renters. The pain of rising rents and the associated financial insecurity disproportionately affects single parents, individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with multiple or intersecting identities. The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic fallout succeeded in shining a harsh light on the ongoing housing crisis.

6. **MAYOR/MAYOR PRO TEM COMPENSATION:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the local delegation to the General Assembly introduce a local Act setting the salary of the Mayor of Columbus, Georgia at 70% of the salary of the City Manager; and setting the salary of the Mayor Pro-Tem at 35% of the salary of the Mayor; to be effective in January, 2027; and to repeal any conflicting provision of the Columbus Charter. (*Request of City Manager Isaiah Hugley*)

Explanation:

The Consolidated Government Pay Plan has been reviewed and approved by the Columbus Council for public safety and general government employees. the current pay study from Evergreen consultants did not make a specific recommendation for the salary of the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem. This Council deems it appropriate to request that the local delegation to the General Assembly introduce a local Act to set the salary of the Mayor of Columbus at 70% of the salary of the City Manager and the salary of the Mayor Pro-Tem at 35% of the Mayor, to be effective in January, 2027.

7. **NEW OPTIONS WAIVER PROGRAM AND COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORTS WAIVER PROGRAM:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the legislative delegation to the General Assembly evaluate and appropriately fund operation of the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP), which offer home- and community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD). *(Request of Councilor Toyia Tucker)*

Explanation:

See attached fact sheet.

1.

A RESOLUTION
NO. _____

A Resolution requesting that the local legislative delegation introduce legislation to create a Muscogee Judicial Circuit comprised of judges from Muscogee County Superior Court.

WHEREAS, seven counties in Georgia currently comprise a single judicial circuit; and,

WHEREAS, Muscogee County has grown to the point that this Council deems it appropriate to request that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation to create a Muscogee Judicial Circuit comprised of judges from Muscogee County Superior Court.

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

The Columbus Council requests that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation to create a Muscogee Judicial Circuit comprised of judges from Muscogee County Superior Court.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 20__ and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

 Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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

A RESOLUTION**NO.**_____

WHEREAS, this Council desires to facilitate the provision of Hope Scholarships to college bound students to insure that a lack of funding does not prevent them from going to college; and,

WHEREAS, additional funding sources are necessary to be able to fully implement the Hope Scholarship program.

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

We hereby respectfully request that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce or support legislation to authorize a referendum to allow Georgia citizens to vote as to whether casino gaming should be allowed in Georgia for the purpose of Hope Scholarship funding. Let a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

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3.

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR MAKING LEGITIMATION PROCEDURES MORE EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO BIOLOGICAL FATHERS.

WHEREAS, Georgia law requires a biological father who is not married to the mother at the time of the child's birth to file a separate legal petition in order to legitimate and obtain legal rights as a parent of that biological child; and,

WHEREAS, the benefit of having two parents responsible for a child is known to have a positive effect on the child's welfare; and,

WHEREAS, there are biological fathers who desire to obtain paternal rights but may be discouraged by the lack of awareness of cost of the legitimation procedures; and,

WHEREAS, legislative study of the legitimation procedures required by Georgia law to determine whether they can be revised to make them more accessible and less costly would further increase well-being and economic security for the children of this State.

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

We respectfully request that the local delegation to the General Assembly introduce a resolution supporting the legislative study of legitimation procedures to make them more affordable and accessible to fathers of limited means who desire to take responsibility for a role in the life of their biological children.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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A RESOLUTION
NO. _____

A Resolution requesting that the local legislative delegation amend an Act establishing the Municipal Court of Columbus, Georgia, approved August 12, 1915 (Ga. L. 1915, p. 63), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 29, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 4443), so as to increase the civil jurisdiction amount of said Court to \$50,000; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the local Act creating the Municipal Court of Columbus, Georgia, Ga. L. 1983, p. 4443, contains a civil jurisdiction amount of \$7500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the civil jurisdiction of Municipal Court has not been updated since the 1983 amendment and even Magistrate Court jurisdiction is set at \$15,000; and,

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court can better serve the citizens of Columbus with an increased civil jurisdiction amount of \$50,000.00 and the Municipal Court Judge has recommended this change.

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

We hereby request that the local legislative delegation amend an Act establishing the Municipal Court of Columbus, Georgia, approved August 12, 1915 (Ga. L. 1915, p. 63), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 29, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 4443), so as to increase the civil jurisdiction amount of said Court to \$50,000. Let a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to each member of the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor

A RESOLUTION
NO. _____

A Resolution requesting that the local legislative delegation introduce an amendment to said statewide legislation to allow cities and counties to enact localized anti-displacement policies for properties in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) and Difficult Development Areas (DDAs) economically depressed zones as defined by general law of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. Section 44-7-19 prohibits city and county governments from enacting, maintaining, or enforcing “any ordinance or resolution which would regulate in any way the amount of rent to be charged for privately owned, single-family or multiple-unit residential rental property.”; and,

WHEREAS, rising rents compound the overall financial insecurity of many households. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines a cost-burdened household as one that spends more than 30 percent of its income on housing costs; the onslaught of pandemic-related job losses, rising health care costs, and increased cost of necessities due to inflation and supply chain issues likely worsened the outlook for many renters; the pain of rising rents and the associated financial insecurity disproportionately affects single parents, individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with multiple or intersecting identities; the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic fallout succeeded in shining a harsh light on the ongoing housing crisis.

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

The Columbus Council requests that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce an amendment to said statewide legislation to allow cities and counties to enact localized anti-displacement policies for properties in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) and Difficult Development Areas (DDAs), economically depressed zones as defined by general law of the General Assembly.

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6.

A RESOLUTION
NO. _____

A Resolution requesting that the local delegation to the General Assembly introduce a local Act setting the salary of the Mayor of Columbus, Georgia at 70% of the salary of the City Manager; and setting the salary of the Mayor Pro-Tem at 35% of the salary of the Mayor; to be effective in January, 2027; and to repeal any conflicting provisions of the Columbus Charter.

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Government Pay Plan has been reviewed and approved by the Columbus Council for public safety and general government employees; and,

WHEREAS, the current pay study from Evergreen consultants did not make a specific recommendation for the salary of the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem; and,

WHEREAS, this Council deems it appropriate to request that the local delegation to the General Assembly introduce a local Act to set the salary of the Mayor of Columbus at 70% of the salary of the City Manager and the salary of the Mayor Pro-Tem at 35% of the Mayor, to be effective in January, 2027.

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

We hereby request that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce a local Act to set the salary of the Mayor of Columbus, Georgia at 70% of the salary of the City Manager and the salary of the Mayor Pro-Tem at 35% of the Mayor, to be effective in January, 2027; and to repeal any conflicting provisions of the Columbus Charter.

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A RESOLUTION
NO. _____

A Resolution requesting that the local legislative delegation evaluate and appropriately fund operation of the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP), which offer home- and community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD).

WHEREAS, the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) offer home- and community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD); and,

WHEREAS, goals for participants in the NOW program, which serves individuals with less intensive needs than those in the COMP program, include: Avoiding the need for more intensive services. Increasing independence and quality of life of individuals with I/DD; increasing the flexibility of service planning and delivery to meet exact individual needs; providing the opportunity for all participants to elect to direct their services to the extent that they choose; and ensuring the health, safety and welfare of NOW participants; and,

WHEREAS, goals for participants in the COMP program include: avoiding the need for institutional placement; increasing independence and quality of life of individuals with ID/DD who have intensive or comprehensive support needs; facilitating the transition of institutionalized individuals to community living; offering opportunities statewide for participant direction by waiver participants who have intensive or comprehensive support needs; and ensuring the health, safety and welfare of COMP program participants; and,

WHEREAS, there are more than 12,000 people with developmental disabilities who are served by the NOW/COMP programs in Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, this Council desires that the local legislative delegation evaluate and appropriately fund operation of the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP), which offer home- and community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD).

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

We hereby request that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly evaluate and appropriately fund operation of the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP), which offer home- and community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD), through the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), Division of Developmental Disabilities. Let a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to each member of the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 20__ and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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2023 Legislative Agenda

Add-Ons

County Judicial Circuit *(Request of Councilors Toyia Tucker and Mimi Woodson)*

Introduce legislation to create a Muscogee Judicial Circuit comprised of judges from Muscogee County Superior Court.

- 32 Counties in Georgia with a Population over 80K
- 16 Counties are all Single County Circuits
 - Fulton, Gwinnett, Cobb, Dekalb, Columbia, Clayton, Chatham, Cherokee, Forsyth, Henry, Paulding, Houston, Douglas, Floyd, Rockdale and Dougherty
- 15 Counties all have 80K Population but are still part of multi-counties
 - Muscogee, Hall, Bibb, Coweta, Clarke, Fayette, Carroll, Lowndes, Newton, Bartow, Richmond, Walton, Glynn, Barrow and Bulloch

Casino Gaming Referendum

(Request of Councilors Toyia Tucker and Mimi Woodson)

Introduce or support legislation to authorize a statewide referendum for a constitutional amendment to allow Georgia citizens to vote as to whether casino gaming should be allowed in Georgia for the purpose of Hope Scholarship funding.

If approved:

- 5 Casino Jurisdictions in Georgia
- Place on ballots in local jurisdictions

Legitimation Procedures

*(Request of Councilor Mimi
Woodson)*

Introduce a resolution supporting the legislative study of legitimation procedures to make them more affordable and accessible to fathers of limited means who desire to take responsibility for a role in the life of their biological children.

Municipal Court Jurisdiction *(Request of Judge Steven Smith)*

- Amend an Act establishing the Municipal Court of Columbus, Georgia, approved August 12, 1915 (Ga. L. 1915, p. 63), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 29, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 4443), so as to increase the civil jurisdiction amount of said Court to \$50,000; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Housing Affordability

(Request of Councilor Toyia Tucker)

Introduce an amendment to said statewide legislation to allow cities and counties to enact localized anti-displacement policies for properties in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) and Difficult Development Areas (DDAs) economically depressed zones as defined by general law of the General Assembly.

Mayor/Mayor Pro Tem Compensation (Request of City Manager Isaiah Hugley)

- Introduce a local Act setting the salary of the Mayor of Columbus, Georgia at 70% of the salary of the City Manager; and setting the salary of the Mayor Pro-Tem at 35% of the salary of the Mayor; to be effective in January, 2027; and to repeal any conflicting provisions of the Columbus Charter.

New Options Waiver Program/Comprehensive Support Waiver Program (Request of Councilor Toyia Tucker)

Evaluate and appropriately fund operation of the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP), which offer home- and community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD).

QUESTIONS



The Columbus Branch NAACP
P.O. Box 6006
Columbus, GA 31907

Wednesday October 5, 2022

Honorable Ed Harbison
Georgia State Senator

Senator Harbison:

In the absence of Calvin Smyre, as the current leader of the local elected delegation, on behalf of the Columbus Branch of the NAACP, I am writing to share our concerns and inform you of our serious intent to seek the designation of Muscogee County as a single County judicial circuit.

The provisions of O.C.G.A. 15-6-1, et seq., set forth the legislature's intent as to the creation of judicial circuits. The statute sets forth no standards, guidelines, or any criteria as to the composition of a single member circuit. With that being the case, this Branch looked for the "common-good" thread in the current designated single county circuits. The only common thread we "discerned" was that they all met a citizenry population of eighty-thousand or greater.

As Georgia's 10th largest populated county (206,922), we question why there are seven counties; Paulding, Houston, Columbia, Douglas, Floyd, Rockdale, and Dougherty with populations far below ours that serve as single judicial circuits.

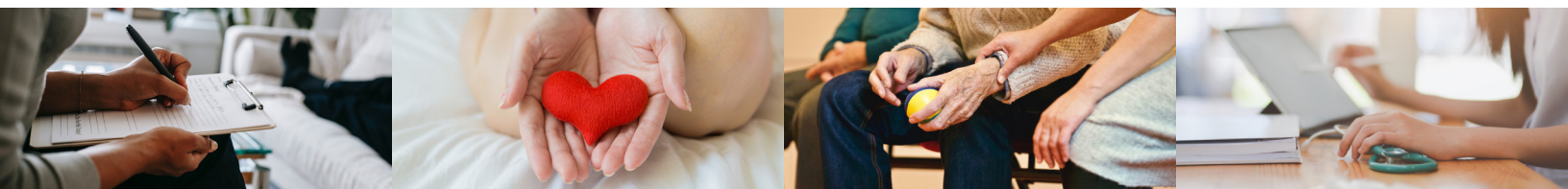
The growing population of color has been the case since 2009. According to the latest census the demographic makeup of Muscogee County is 49% Black, 37% White and 8% Hispanic, however, in the past forty-two years there have only been three people of color to serve as Superior Court Judges: The Honorable Albert Thompson, John D. Allen and recently appointed Ben Richardson. In addition, there are currently no individuals of color who serve as Juvenile Court Judges. It is our contention that the current six county Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit, intentional or not, is designed to dilute the Black voting strength.

In our struggle for racial parity of our judicial system I would like to open a dialogue with members of our local elected delegation, and the Judges of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit to share our concerns and seek assistance in this matter prior to the next legislative session.

Ed, I would like to set up a meeting with our local elected delegation, the Judges of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and the NAACP prior to the holidays, preferably the last week in October or the first week in November. The members of the NAACP will include myself, our political Action Chairman Rev. Marcus Gibson, and the NAACP National Board member Elder Ed Dubose.

Please review your schedule and let me know what day and time would be convenient for you and I will coordinate with the other entities. I can be reached by phone if needed at 706.358.9202.

Sincerely submitted
Wane A. Hailes
NAACP President



New Options Waiver Program (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP)

The New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) offer home- and community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD). The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) administers Medicaid, which delegates the day-to-day operation of the NOW/COMP Programs to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), Division of Developmental Disabilities.

The DBHDD Central Office performs statewide waiver operational and daily administrative functions. The six DBHDD regional offices perform NOW/COMP waiver functions at the regional level, including intake and evaluation, preauthorization of NOW/COMP waiver services, utilization management, crisis resolution, quality management, and intervention in cases of service delivery problems or concerns. Individuals access the NOW/COMP Program through the DBHDD regional offices or through this link. The NOW/COMP waiver serves individuals with intellectual disabilities or other closely related conditions, such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism or neurological problems. These disabilities require a level of care provided in an intermediate-care facility (ICF) for people diagnosed with I/DD. There are more than 12,000 people with developmental disabilities who are served by the NOW/COMP programs in Georgia.

Eligibility for Both Programs

Individuals who meet the level of care that would be required in an intermediate-care facility for people with intellectual disabilities (ICF-ID) may be eligible for home- and community-based services as an alternative through Georgia's Medicaid NOW and COMP waiver programs.

To qualify for these waiver programs and be offered the choice of community-based services instead of institutional care, the individual must first meet the criteria for Medicaid payment in an institution and certain other criteria.

Specific qualifications:

- ☑ Categorically eligible Medicaid recipients
- ☑ Have a diagnosis of an intellectual disability and/or a closely related condition
- ☑ Currently receiving the level of care provided in an ICF-ID that is reimbursable under the State Plan, and for whom home- and community-based services are determined to be an appropriate alternative
- ☑ Likely to require the level of care provided in an ICF-ID that would be reimbursable under the State Plan in the absence of home- and community-based services that are determined to be an appropriate alternative

Purpose of the NOW Program

The NOW waiver program offers services and supports to individuals to enable them to remain living in their own or family home and participate or live independently in the community.

Goals for participants in the NOW program, which serves individuals with less intensive needs than those in the COMP program, include:

- Avoiding the need for more intensive services. Increasing independence and quality of life of individuals with I/DD.
- Increasing the flexibility of service planning and delivery to meet exact individual needs.
- Providing the opportunity for all participants to elect to direct their services to the extent that they choose.
- Ensuring the health, safety and welfare of NOW participants.

Purpose of the COMP Program

The COMP waiver program, which serves individuals with more intensive needs, primarily provides residential care for individuals with I/DD. These individuals require comprehensive and intensive services and need out-of-home residential support and supervision or intensive levels of in-home services to remain in the community.

The purpose of the COMP program is to offer comprehensive and extensive waiver services to enable individuals with urgent and intense needs to avoid institutional placement. The COMP program provides the level of services needed by individuals transitioning from institutions to community living.

Goals for participants in the COMP program include:

- Avoiding the need for institutional placement
- Increasing independence and quality of life of individuals with ID/DD who have intensive or comprehensive support needs
- Facilitating the transition of institutionalized individuals to community living.
- Offering opportunities statewide for participant direction by waiver participants who have intensive or comprehensive support needs
- Ensuring the health, safety and welfare of COMP program participants

For More Information

Visit the DCH website at:
www.dch.georgia.gov
or visit the DBHDD website at:
www.dbhdd.georgia.gov

NOW/COMP Waiver Program Services

Adult Dental Services
Adult Nursing Service
Adult Occupational Therapy Services
Adult Physical Therapy Services
Adult Speech and Language Therapy Services
Additional Staffing Services
Assistive Technology
Behavioral Supports Services
Community Access Services
Community Guide Services
Community Living Support Services
Community Residential Alternative Services (COMP only)
Environmental Accessibility Adaptation Services

Financial Support Services
Individual Directed Goods and Services
Interpreter Services
Natural Support Training Services
Nutrition Services
Pre-vocational Services
Respite Services
Respite Out-of-Home 15-minute Services
Specialized Medical Equipment Services
Specialized Medical Supplies Services
Support Coordination Services
Intensive Support Coordination Services
Supported Employment Services
Transportation Services
Vehicle Adaption Services

_____ Bill

By:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act establishing the Municipal Court of Columbus, Georgia, approved August 12, 1915 (Ga. L. 1915, p. 63), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 29, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 4443), so as to increase the civil jurisdiction amount of said Court to \$50,000 ; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

The Act establishing the Municipal Court of Columbus, Georgia, approved August 12, 1915 (Ga. L. 1915, p. 63), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 29, 1983, (Ga. L. 1983, p. 4443), is amended by deleting “\$7500.00” and by substituting “\$50,000.00” in Section 3 (a) so that revised Section 3(a) shall read as follows:

“Section 3. (a) In addition to the matters and things over which said justice courts and notaries public now have jurisdiction, the said Municipal Court of Columbus and Muscogee County shall have jurisdiction within the limits of Muscogee County and Columbus, Georgia, concurrent with the Superior Court of Muscogee County to try and dispose of all civil causes or proceedings, of whatever nature, whether arising ex contractu or ex delicto, under the common law or by statute, in which the principal sum sworn to or claimed to be due, or the value of the property in dispute does not exceed \$50,000.00 and of which jurisdiction is not vested by the Constitution and laws of Georgia exclusively in another or other courts. The criminal jurisdiction of said municipal court shall be throughout the limits of Muscogee County and Columbus, Georgia, and shall be the jurisdiction in criminal matters exercised by notaries public and justice courts, and shall not exceed the jurisdiction hereafter vested by law in the magistrate courts of this state; except that the judge of said Municipal Court of Columbus and Muscogee County is empowered and authorized and given jurisdiction to accept pleas of guilty or nolo contendere and to impose punishment and penalties provided by law in all cases involving misdemeanors where preliminary hearing is waived in writing by the accused and a plea of guilty or nolo contendere entered by the accused in writing. Whenever the words ‘principal amount sworn to or claimed to be due’ are used in this Act, it shall be held to mean the principal amount sued for or the value of the property sued for or claimed or the alleged amount of liens sought to be enforced by the defendant, set-off or counterclaim, exclusively of and not computing interest, hire, attorney’s fees, and costs.

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SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

File Attachments for Item:

E. Lighting Upgrade Update- Pamela Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development & Georgia Power

Customer Solutions
provided by  Georgia Power





Customer Solutions Key Benefits

Smart L.E.D Lighting

- Reduced or no upfront capital investment required
- Customized design and installation
- Dimming or scheduling lights on/off
- Remote diagnostics for proactive outage reporting and repair
- Energy efficient lighting to reduce carbon footprint
- Single call support for emergency maintenance

14th Street Before



Smart L.E.D Lighting vs. HPS Lighting

Smart L.E.D Lighting



HPS /HID



Questions



File Attachments for Item:

F. ARP Phase 2 Update- Pamela Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development



American Rescue Plan (ARP) Grants Update Round 2

ARP Grant Round 1 Update

- 6 months
- More than 125 small businesses and non profits served.
- All funds have been exhausted

ARP Grant Accessibility

Columbus Consolidated Government ARP Programs



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REINVESTMENT**
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT



THE AMERICAN RESCUE
PLAN ACT OF 2021

www.columbusga.gov/arp

Small Business Grant

- Up to \$3,000,000 is available for the ARP-Business Relief Grant Program.
- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.
- Applications will be accepted until all available funds are expended.
- Up to \$40,000 in Reimbursable Expenses

Small Business Eligibility

- For Profit businesses must demonstrate ongoing business operations and existence before July 1, 2020. Existence shall only be established with the issuance of a business license from the City of Columbus prior to July 1, 2020.
- For-profit businesses located in City of Columbus with less than 100 employees at time of application to the Small Business Economic Recovery Grant Program.
- For Profit businesses with a physical presence of an organization or business in a building or other structure located in Muscogee County. Home-based businesses and multiple independent businesses/locations are ineligible.

Reimbursable Expenses

Space Costs

- Rent
- Mortgage
- Insurance Costs

Utility Costs

- Electric
- Gas
- Water
- Internet
- Phone

Operational Retrofitting

Nonprofit Grant

- Up to \$1,000,000 is available for the ARP-NonProfit Relief Grant Program.
- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.
- Applications will be accepted until all available funds are expended.
- Up to \$25,000 in Reimbursable Expenses for agencies with a minimum operating budget of \$100,000.
- Up to \$12,500 in Reimbursable Expenses for agencies with a minimum operating budget of \$50,000.

Nonprofit Eligibility


- Nonprofit organizations must have an active 501(c)(3) designation status from the Internal Revenue Service with a minimum two year operating history.
- Nonprofit organizations that have a current Muscogee County business license.
- Nonprofit organizations physically located in City of Columbus
- Nonprofit organizations with a physical presence in a building or other structure.

Nonprofit Eligibility


- Nonprofit organizations must demonstrate ongoing business operations and existence before July 1, 2020.
- Nonprofit organizations must be registered with the Secretary of State to conduct business in the State of Georgia at the time of application and maintain a current with registration during the contract period.
- Nonprofit organizations must have a current written strategic or business plan for the organization.

ARP Grant Workshops

Item #F.



UPCOMING
ARP Small Business &
Non-Profit Grant
WORKSHOP



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PLAN ACT OF 2021

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need to know about
the application
process*

November 9, 15, 22, & 29

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9:30 AM

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Chamber Board Room
118 W 11st St
Columbus, GA 31902

ARP Grant Programs Contact



Robert Scott

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Meghan Richardson

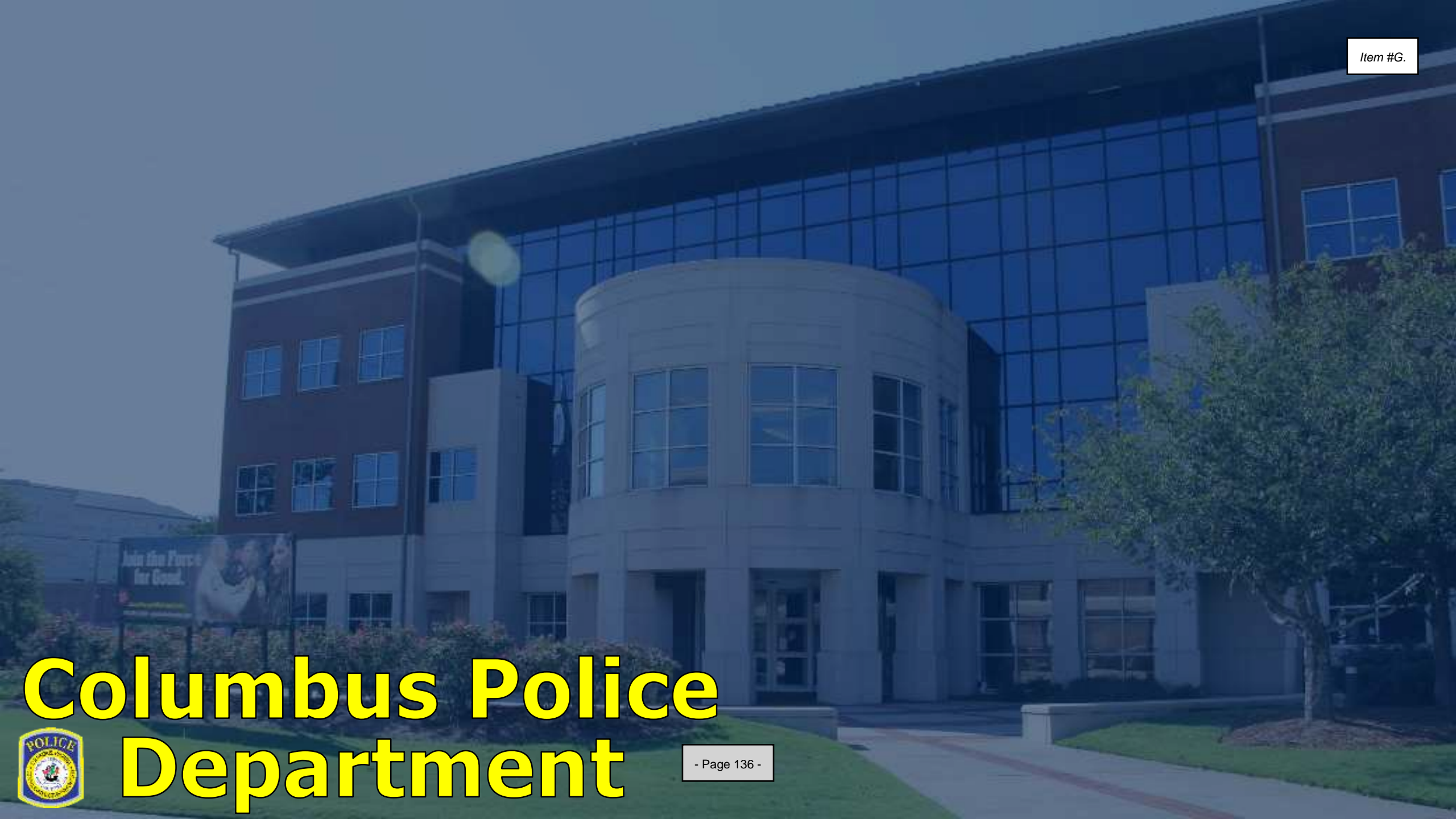
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ARP Grant Programs Overview

Comments or Questions?

File Attachments for Item:

G. Police Crime Prevention Update - Freddie Blackmon, Chief of Columbus Police Department



Columbus Police Department



CRIME REDUCTION

- Proactive Policing
 - Patrol High Crime Areas
- Community Policing
 - Community Engagement / Building Relationships



Columbus public safety officials talk tough about increase in crime. 'Enough is enough.'

The day after announcing a crime suppression operation that led to 59 people being taken into custody and one officer being wounded, Columbus public safety officials followed up with some tough talk.

During a news conference Wednesday, Columbus Police Chief Freddie Blackmon, Mayor Skip Henderson and acting District Attorney Sheneka Terry tried to reassure residents they are focusing on the [local crime problem](#).

"Enough is enough," Blackmon said.

McGee, Brittany, and Mark Rice. "Columbus Public Safety Officials Talk Tough about Increase in Crime. 'Enough Is Enough.'" [Columbus, GA]. *Ledger-Enquirer*, 2 Feb. 2022, www.ledger-enquirer.com/local/crime/article257902298.html.

COLUMBUS POLICE DEPT & GEORGIA STATE PATROL

Item #G.

CRIME SUPPRESSION DETAIL STATISTICS

Dates of Detail	# of Contacts	# of Arrests	# Released on Prin. Summons	# of Criminal Charges	# of Felonies	# of Misdemeanors	# of Criminal Arrests Warrants Served	# of Contacts with Firearms
January 28, 29, 30, 2022	500	59	5	109	23	86	21	27
March 25, 26, 27, 2022	900	82	9	149	40	109	35	29
July 15, 16, 17, 2022	732	45	19	77	21	56	15	27
October 14, 15, 16, 2022	656	48	10	99	10	89	38	27
TOTAL	2,788	234	- Page 139 -	434	94	340	109	110

COLUMBUS POLICE DEPT & GEORGIA STATE PATROL

Item #G.

CRIME SUPPRESSION DETAIL STATISTICS

Dates of Detail	# of Traffic Citations Issued	# of Traffic Warnings Issued	# of DUI Arrests	# of Vehicles Impounded	# of Violators Fled / Pursued	# of Validated Gang Member Arrests	Approx. Amount of Illegal Drugs Seized	Approx. Street Value of Drugs Seized
January 28, 29, 30, 2022	612	483	20	26	11	0	95.5 grams / 36 pills	\$4,137
March 25, 26, 27, 2022	595	806	45	33	8	5	278.3 grams / 183 pills	\$6,801
July 15, 16, 17, 2022	474	741	24	30	11	8	236.7 grams / 2 pills	\$23,670
October 14, 15, 16, 2022	420	570	26	19	5	3	97.6 grams / 10 pills	\$3,306
TOTAL	2,101	2,600	<div>- Page 140 -</div> 115	108	35	16	708.10 grams / 231 pills	\$37,914

2022 PATROL DIVISION CRIME SUPPRESSION DETAIL STATISTICS

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DETAIL DATE	Suspects	Charges	Fel	Misd	City Ord	Warrants	Firearms	Citations	Pursuits	Prin. Summons
03-19-22	5	18	8	10	0	0	2	20	0	0
04-09-22	10	23	6	17	0	2	1	54	0	3
04-22-22	3	16	5	11	0	0	0	15	0	0
05-12-22	4	10	2	8	0	2	0	31	0	0
07-31-22	2	6	0	6	0	3	0	53	0	0
TOTAL	24	73	21	52		7	3	173	0	3

2022 SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT CRIME SUPPRESSION DETAIL STATISTICS

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	Suspects	Charges	Felonies	Misd.	City Ordinances	Warrants	Firearms	Citations	Pursuits	Fled – Not Pursued	Principle Summons	Gang Members
January	43	122	50	72	0	29	16	261	1	4	0	0
February	19	32	9	20	3	11	3	11	1	1	0	0
March	68	182	84	97	1	40	14	129	0	0	0	6
April	39	104	53	51	0	29	3	70	0	0	1	0
May	25	59	24	35	0	6	5	63	0	0	0	0
June	37	47	10	37	0	33	1	52	1	1	0	1
July	48	102	38	64	0	48	4	168	0	1	17	6
August	16	28	18	10	0	20	11	27	0	4	0	0
September	18	31	22	9	0	18	0	16	0	0	2	1
October	32	64	15	49	0	24	6	114	0	1	6	0
TOTAL	345	771	323	444	4	- Page 142 -	63	911	3	12	26	14

2022 SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT CRIME SUPPRESSION DETAIL STATISTICS

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	Marijuana	Meth	Heroin	Spice	THC Oil/ Edibles	Ecstasy	Misc Pills	Cocaine	Drug Obj	Fentanyl (oz)	Approx. Street Value of Drugs Seized	Approx. Money Seized
January	184	3.9	12.8	0	0	151	22	1	11	0	\$7,806	\$0.00
February	24.5	25.1	0	9.4	0	0	0	0.3	4	0	\$1,050	\$0.00
March	2994.05	27.7	4.7	22	401.4	178	16	8.8	17	0	\$56,467	\$7,532.00
April	256.45	12.5	0.5	0	0	0	29	0.3	23	0	\$3,085	\$7,490.00
May	7	4	0	0	3	0	1	7.9	12	0	\$853	\$30,397.00
June	46.5	0	0	0	205	0	2.7	0	2	9.82	\$25,458	\$15,946.25
July	262.6	10.9	0	0	6.7	0	8	4.7	17	0	\$3,548	\$0.00
August	44.6	854	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	\$17,526	\$47,956.00
September	6	0	1.2	0	0	4	1	0	2	0	\$397	\$0.00
October	59.6	2	0	0	1	0	10	35	6	0	\$3,186	\$0.00
TOTAL	3885.3	940.1	19.2	31.4	617.1	333	37	58	98	9.82	\$119,376	\$109,321.25

FUNDS FOR GUNS GUN BUY BACK PROGRAM

Item #G.

The Columbus Police Department sponsored three "Funds for Guns" Gun Buy Back Programs in 2022. These events were held at Abundant Life Full Gospel Church, South Columbus United Methodist Church, and Beallwood Baptist Church. Citizens were offered a \$250.00 Visa gift card in exchange for a functional firearm. The exchanges were anonymous.

Date	Number of Firearms
April 6, 2022	111
May 25, 2022	110
July 20, 2022	110
Total Guns Collected	331

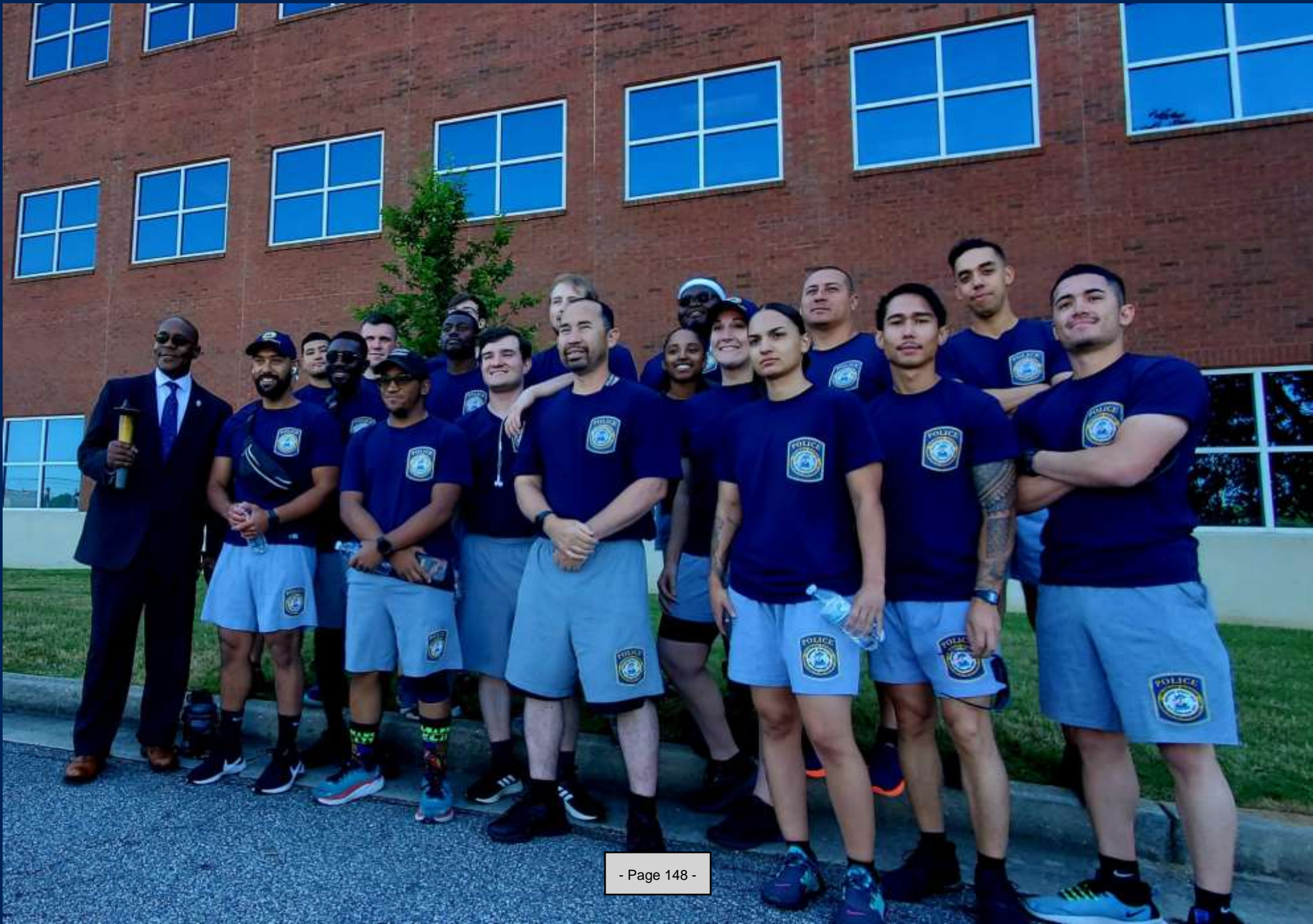
COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Item #G.

Community Outreach	S.A.L.T.	Partners in Education	Survey's
Safety Patrol	C.A.D.	GA Special Olympics	Explorers
D.A.R.E.	Crime Stoppers	Neighborhood Watch	Project Lifesaver
	Handicapped Parking Enforcers	CPD Tours	













RECRUITMENT

Item #G.

- **Fill Vacant Police Officer Positions**

- Advertise nationwide - social media and printed brochures
- Increase sign on bonus
- Rebranding - New uniforms and new vehicles
- Purchase updated state of the art equipment

2022 JOB FAIRS

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The Recruiting Unit participated in 56 Job Fairs between January 1, 2022 – October 31, 2022.

DATE	EVENT
January 13, 2022	Goodwill Multi-Vendor Job Fair
February 2, 2022	UGA Spring Job Fair
February 3, 2022	Spencer High (Cadet)
February 4, 2022	Troy University Career Fair
February 10, 2022	Auburn University Career Fair
February 15, 2022	Army Spousal Job Fair
February 16, 2022	Kendrick High (Cadet)
February 17, 2022	Shaw High (Cadet)
February 26, 2022	CPD Hiring Event
March 1, 2022	Hardaway High (Cadet)
March 2, 2022 March 7, 2022	Carver High (Cadet)
March 8, 2022	Jordan High (Cadet) Kendrick High (Cadet)

DATE	EVENT
March 16, 2022	Harris Co. High (Cadet)
March 17, 2022	Columbus Technical College
March 21, 2022	Marion County High (Cadet)
March 23, 2022	Harris Co. High (Cadet)
March 24, 2022	Columbus State University
March 28, 2022	Hardaway High (Cadet)
March 29, 2022	Northside High (Cadet)
March 30, 2022	Spencer High (Cadet) Georgia Southern Univ Job Fair
April 5, 2022	Chattahoochee Co (Cadet)
April 6, 2022	University of W. Florida Job Fair
April 13, 20, May 4, 18, 25 June 1, 16, 17, 29; July 6, 20	Fort Benning Soldier for Life Center Career Fair

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April 27, 2022	Georgia Cities Week Job Fair
May 3, 2022	Goodwill Week Job Fair
May 7, 2022	Smiths Station Emerg. Mgt. Event
June 17, 2022	Goodwill Summer Hiring Event
July 30, 2022	Gaines Chapel AME Church
August 26, 2022	Work for Your City
September 14, 2022	WTVM
September 16, 2022	Atlanta University Center Consortium
September 17, 2022	Latino Festival
September 20, 2022	University of South Alabama
September 21, 2022	CSU Criminal Justice
September 22, 2022	Albany State University

DATE	EVENT
September 27, 2022	Columbus Tech / Goodwill Event
September 28, 2022	Goodwill / Lagrange
September 29, 2022	Fort Benning / Goodwill Event
October 3, 2022	John Jay Table Event / New York
October 6, 2022	John Jay Career Fair / New York
October 12, 2022	GA Southern Career Fair
October 13, 2022	Goodwill at Victory Mission
October 18, 2022	Middle GA State University
October 18, 2022	Kennesaw State University
October 18, 2022	Alabama State University

October 3 – 7, 2022

Members of the

Columbus Police Department's Recruiting Unit

traveled to New York City to

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

to attend a Career Fair



JOHN JAY COLLEGE
THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE



CURRENT CPD POLICE OFFICER STARTING SALARY INFORMATION

Item #G.

Education	Annual Salary
High School or GED	\$45,475.24
Associate's Degree	\$46,484.09
Bachelor's Degree	\$47,732.61
Master's Degree	\$48,981.13

Police Officer Starting Salary

As of 01-07-2023

Police Officer w/o Degree – PS1	Police Officer w/AD – PS1	Police Officer w/BD – PS1	Police Officer w/MD – PS1
Base Pay \$45,000.00	Base Pay \$45,000.00	Base Pay \$45,000.00	Base Pay \$45,000.00
OLOST \$5,121.30	OLOST \$5,121.30	OLOST \$5,121.30	OLOST \$5,121.30
Edu. Inc. N/A	Edu. Inc. \$1,250.00	Edu. Inc. \$2,500.00	Edu. Inc. \$2,500.00
Total Pay \$50,121.30	Total Pay \$51,371.30	Total Pay \$52,621.30	Total Pay \$52,621.30
Sign-On Bonus* \$5,000.00	Sign-On Bonus* \$5,000.00	Sign-On Bonus* \$5,000.00	Sign-On Bonus* \$5,000.00

* Effective 01/07/2023 - Sign-On bonus is spread over a 24-month period in \$1,250 increments every six months. Eligible Officers may also receive additional incentive pay including \$2,400 for POST Certification and \$1,200 for Military Experience not included here.

CADET PROGRAM

Item #G.

The Columbus Police Department offers a progressive Police Cadet program designed to prepare young professionals for a rewarding career in law enforcement.

From checking on citizens and businesses in Uptown Columbus near the scenic Riverwalk, to patrolling city parks on ATV's, this highly interactive program is crafted for civic-minded individuals eager to make a difference in their community all while learning valuable skills from seasoned law enforcement Professionals.

You must be 18 to 20 years old to apply for this position.



CURRENT CADET SALARY

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	SALARY
Starting Salary – Cadet I	\$30,152.50
Cadet I (after 6 months)	\$31,678.97
Cadet II (after 12 months)	\$33,282.71

CADET SALARY

As of 01-07-2023

	SALARY
Starting Salary – Cadet I	\$33,100.08
Cadet I (after 6 months)	\$34,093.08
Cadet II (after 12 months)	\$35,115.87

RETENTION

Item #G.

- Implementation of New Pay Plan
- Revised Beard Policy
- Updated Uniforms
- New Vehicles
- Updated Technology
- Revised Work Schedule
- Create Positive Workplace Using Restorative Practices/Procedural Justice

UPDATED UNIFORMS

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NEW VEHICLES

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PERSONNEL TURNOVER RATE

2016 – 2022*

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	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	TOTAL
Applications	274	629	436	899	634	345	332	3,549
Hired	50	56	40	55	51	44	35	331
Retired	-17	-10	-11	-11	-17	-11	-6	83
Resigned	-61	-37	-43	-50	-41	-84	-51	367
Terminated / Laid Off	0	0	0	-1	-1	-3	-1	6
Deceased	0	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	4
Net Total	-28	9	-15	-7	-9	-55	-24	-129

Columbus Police Department Personnel

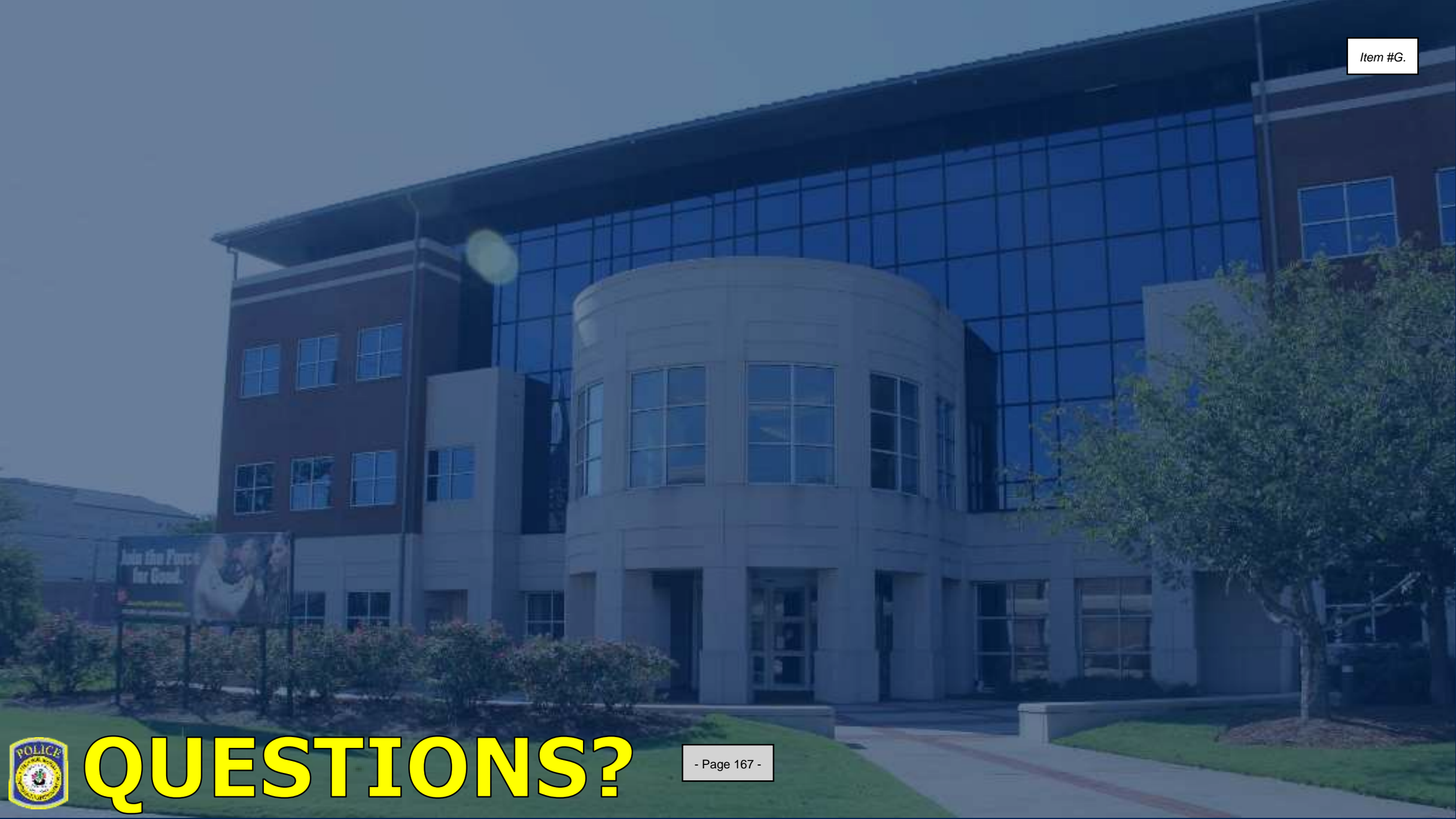
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Columbus Police Department	Numbers
Budgeted Police Officers	444
Vacant Police Officer Positions	141
Police Officers on Leave Without Pay	4
Total Active Police Officers	299
Budgeted Cadets	25
Vacant Cadets	21
Total Active Cadets	4
Maximum Reserve Police Officers	13
Vacant Reserve Police Officers	1
Total Active Reserve Police Officers	12
Maximum Bureau Support Specialists	13
Vacant Bureau Support Specialists	2
Total Active Bureau Support Specialists	11

Part–One Crimes: 2021 - 2022 Comparison

Item #G.

Part-One Crime	January 1, 2021 – October 31, 2021	January 1, 2022 – October 31, 2022
Murder	53	31
Rape	47	34
Robbery	210	230
Aggravated Assault	585	557
Burglary	644	520
Larceny	4,405	3,693
Theft by Taking (MV)	848	610
Part-One Crime Total	6,792	5,675



QUESTIONS?

File Attachments for Item:

DATE: November 29, 2022

TO: Mayor and Councilors

FROM: Finance Department

SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFOs

November 30, 2022

PI 0011435 – Metra Park and Ride Facility – RFB No. 23-0019

Scope of Bid

Provide a park and ride facility for METRA Transit System. The project consists of grading a vacant lot and installing a parking lot and features for METRA Transit System. The project location is 1646 9th Avenue in Columbus, GA.

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Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting bids to repair and rebuild B400R and 6R140 transmissions for METRA Transit System. The services will be procured on an as-needed basis. The City reserves the right to add additional transmissions as METRA Transit System receives new vehicles within the contract period.

The contract period shall be for three years.

Protective Driver Door Shields for Mass Transit Buses – RFB No. 23-0022

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The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, is seeking bids from qualified vendors to provide and install twenty-two (22) protective driver door shields for mass transit buses operated by the METRA Transit System.

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December 7, 2022

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Scope of Bid

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Scope of Quote

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to provide

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Dumpster/Roll Off Container Rental and Servicing (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0016

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December 9, 2022

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1. Email Correspondence from Ms. Patricia Montgomery resigning from her seat on the Animal Control Advisory Board.

From: Patricia Montgomery <triciam329@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 8:35 AM
To: Contreana Pearson <CPearson@columbusga.org>; Drale Short <DShort@columbusga.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Resignation, Columbus Animal Care & Control Advisory Board

Contreana-

Good morning to you.

As mentioned, I will be moving out of Columbus, GA at the end of December and unable to fulfill my term for the Columbus Animal Care and Control Advisory Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the pets and people of Columbus.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Montgomery
triciam329@me.com
630-747-9171

File Attachments for Item:

2. Minutes of the following boards:

Board of Tax Assessors, #34-22

Convention & Visitors Bureau, Board of Commissioners, August 18, 2022



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

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3111 Citizens Way
Columbus, GA 31906

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Columbus, GA 31902

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Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
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Assessor

Todd A. Hammonds
Assessor

Trey Carmack
Vice Chairman

Chief Appraiser
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MINUTES #34-22

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 9:03 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Hammonds motions to accept agenda with noted additions. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Holiday Schedule will be as follows: Dec 26th and Jan 2nd there will be no BOA meeting; so Dec 19th will be the last meeting of 2022 and Jan 9th will be the first meeting of 2023.
- Vice Chairman Carmack motions to excuse the absence of Assessor Sandifer Hicks next Monday, Nov 14th. Assessor Hammonds seconds and the motion carries.
- Vice Chairman Carmack motions to cancel the BOA meeting for Nov 21st due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:09, Administrative Manager Leilani Floyd presents to the Board:

- Homesteads – Signed & Approved.

At 9:17, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- NOD / E&R – Signed & Approved.

At 9:21, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits – # 073 021 006; 073 021 054; 073 021 055; 073 021 056; 109 014 001; 109 014 002; 109 014 003; 109 014 004; 109 014 005; 077 003 013; 077 003 025; 077 003 026; 087 022 033; 087 022 034 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:35, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

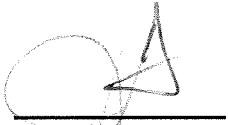
- CUVA Update – no vote taken.
- Public Utility Appeal – signed by Chairman Govar.

At 9:45, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

MIN# 35 - 22 NOV 14 2022

APPROVED: _____



J. GOVAR
CHAIRMAN

Absent
L. SANDIFER HICKS
ASSESSOR

K. Jones
K. JONES
ASSESSOR

T.A.H.
T.A. HAMMONDS
ASSESSOR

T. Carmack
T. CARMACK
VICE CHAIRMAN



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Commissioners Present; Lauren Becker, Chair; Jamie Waters, Vice Chair; Miles Greathouse, Secretary/Treasurer; Sherricka Day, Dan Gilbert, Pace Halter, Donna Hix, Pete Jones, Mamie Pound, and Mayor Skip Henderson

Commissioners Absent: None

Special Invitees: Norm Easterbrook, RiverCenter; Merri Sherman, Columbus Sports Council; Haley Tillery, Columbus Convention & Trade Center; Ed Wolverton, Uptown Columbus

Staff Present: Peter Bowden, Shelby Guest, Ashley Woitena

Call to Order Lauren Becker

- The August meeting was called to order by Lauren Becker at 3:30pm.

Approval of Minutes & Financials Miles Greathouse

- Miles Greathouse reminded the Board approval of Minutes & Financials is by way of consent agenda and asked if there were any questions or discussions on the minutes and financials. There being none, a motion was made by Pete Jones to approve the April Minutes & Financials and the motion was seconded by Donna Hix. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair's Report..... Lauren Becker

- Ms. Becker gave an update on the status of the office move from Dillingham Place to the newly renovated historic YMCA Building (11th Street). She indicated the move was going well, with staff purging, packing, working on moving things to storage and to the new space. She added that the larger items and furniture would be moved by a profession moving company. Barring no unforeseen circumstances, the moved is expected to be completed by September 2.

President's Report.....Peter Bowden

- Mr. Bowden introduced Shannon Gray, president of Gray Research Solutions, who updated the Board on the tourism research project she which is currently underway for Columbus on behalf of VisitColumbusGA. Her presentation highlighted the program of work VisitColumbus is

currently focused on, why it updating the destination research matters, and to get Board feedback on specific items of interest and/concerns that may affect marketing the destination and VisitColumbus. She asked the Board to consider several topics and requested their thoughts to include:

- Q - How tourism has changed over the last five years:
 - A - More to offer
 - A - Columbus is becoming a total package—everything all in one place
 - A - New experiences such as Uptown Columbus
 - A - Opportunities for vacations and stay-cations
- Q - What tourism elements work in Columbus:
 - A - Drivability
 - A - Youth Sports
 - A - Arts
 - A - Local Pride
 - A - Military
 - A - At this point in the presentation, Ms. Gray also discussed the difference between attractors (what brings visitors to the destination) and attractions everything else that brings visitors here such as restaurants, things to do, hotels, events, etc.)
- Q - What do you wish worked better:
 - A - Centralized music calendar
 - A - QR Code at hotel front desks to promote the event calendar
 - A - More Cultural Festivals
 - A - Something significant to identify Columbus when you enter and are in the city
 - A - Better signage and a welcome gateway
 - A - More cross-promotion with partners
- Q - Opportunities:
 - A - Cross promotion
 - A - History Aspect and preservation—a unique mix of old and new
 - A - Activities for those of middle age
 - A - Shopping opportunities
 - A - Direct flights with Delta and American Airlines
 - A - Technology to capture visitor information in the Uptown area
 - A - More marketing
 - Expand target areas and who we target
 - Messaging to fit who we are promoting to
- Barriers:
 - More marketing dollars needed
 - Crime (Google search)
 - Transportation—make easier to get around the city, especially from attraction to attraction and hotels to meeting spaces

(See attached presentation from Gray Research Solutions.)

Other BusinessGroup

- Dan Gilbert reminded the Board of upcoming ICF (International Canoe Federation) World Cup this October, and the Nature Now Film Festival.

Adjournment..... Lauren Becker

With no further business, Ms. Becker adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

File Attachments for Item:

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(Business Community)

Eligible to succeed

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