

Council Members

R. Gary Allen
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Travis L. Chambers
Glenn Davis

Byron Hickey
Bruce Huff

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John Anker
Joanne Cogle

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

February 10, 2026
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

M A Y O R ' S A G E N D A

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the January 27, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PROCLAMATIONS

2. **Proclamation:** Arbor Day

Receiving: Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission

3. **Proclamation:** 211 Day

Receiving: Ben Moser, President & CEO of United Way, and Jennifer St John, Senior Vice President of Impact

4. **Proclamation:** Brian Daniel Waters

Receiving: Family of Brian Daniel Waters

PRESENTATIONS

5. FY25 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report – David Irwin, External Auditor, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC
6. 2025 Year-End Statistical Data & Accomplishments – Chief Stoney Mathis, Columbus Police Department

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading-** REZN-10-25-1931: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2361 South Lumpkin Road** (parcel # 059-053-001) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Continued from 12-16-26) (Councilor Cogle)
2. **2nd Reading-** REZN-11-25-2127: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6213 and 6221 Macon Road** (parcel # 111-008-005) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb)
3. **2nd Reading:** REZN CUVA: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain portions of a district known as the Conversation Use Valuation Assessment, from RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning District to RE5 (Residential Estate 5) Zoning District. (Planning Department recommends approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilor Davis)
4. **1st Reading:** REZN-11-25-2173: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3233 6th Avenue** (parcel # 014-018-028) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Continued on 1st Reading from 1-27-26.) (Councilor Garrett)
5. **1st Reading-** REZN-12-25-2295: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4937 Macon Road** (parcel # 097-001-002) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) with conditions Zoning District. (Planning Department recommends approval with conditions. PAC recommends denial) (Councilor Hickey)

6. **1st Reading-** An ordinance regulating the vehicular traffic in Columbus, Georgia, by amending City Code Section 20-8.1.1 **Through Streets Designated** by deleting "Averette drive" as an intersecting street with the through street of Preston Drive; by amending Columbus Code Section 20-8.1.2 **Multi-way Stops Designated** for the purpose of establishing a multi-way stop at the intersection of Preston Drive and Averett Drive; authorizing the installation of official traffic control devices indicating said stop intersections and repealing any conflicting ordinances and for other purposes. (Councilors Garrett and Crabb)

RESOLUTIONS

7. A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia authorizing the issuance of Columbus, Georgia Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds, Series 2026, in accordance with the request of the Columbus, Georgia Board of Water Commissioners; to authorize the Mayor and other officials of Columbus to take such further actions as are necessary to provide for the sale, issuance, and delivery of the bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$140,000,000 for the purpose of financing or refinancing certain additions, extensions, and improvements to the water and sewerage system and refunding a portion of the Series 2014A and the Series 2016 Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds; and for other purposes. (Request of Columbus, Georgia Board of Water Commissioners)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Vickie C. Stafford, Re: The Proposed Rezoning of 4937 Macon Road.
2. Mrs. Monica Luker, Re: A presentation of thanks and appreciation for all that the Mayor of Columbus and City Council Members do for our AMAZING Columbus!
3. Mr. Johnathan Cole, representing Cole's Towing, Re: Vehicle Towing Services Contract.
4. Mr. Nakia Lee, representing Topic Salon, Re: Road construction and the impact on businesses.
5. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy, Re: Public Trust and Government Follow-Through.
6. Mr. Timothy Veals, Re: Head Street Safety Concerns and Property Owner Responsibilities.
7. Mr. Val McGowan, Re: Buena Vista Road & Spider Web Project – Quality of work, materials, and oversight.
8. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Planning Department, Inspections, Demolitions, and Land for Sale.
9. Mrs. Robyn Burnett, representing New Bethel AME Church, Re: Hazardous walkway and a need for stop light similar to other cities in Georgia.

10. Mrs. Audrey Holston-Palmore, Re: ETAL Contact Portion of Heir Property
11. Reverend Mark Lawrence, representing Mount Olive Baptist Church, Fortson, Re: Moving forward without looking back.
12. Mr. John Scott, Re: Destruction of property in Windsor Park and Tanglewood.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. 2026 Legislative Agenda Items – Additional Proposed Items

Consideration is requested of the resolutions for the 2026 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly.

2. Department of Accountability Courts – CACJ Annual Grant

Approval is requested to submit an application, and if approved, accept \$650,000 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Superior Court Accountability Courts, from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by \$650,000 or as otherwise awarded. The City is required to provide a 15% cash matching funds (\$115,000.00) to participate in this grant program. This cash match is satisfied in the salary and benefits of the current Director of Accountability Courts.

3. Department of Accountability Courts – Jail Screening Expansion Grant

Approval is requested to submit an application, and if approved, accept \$169,720 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Superior Court Accountability Courts, from February 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by \$169,720 or as otherwise awarded. There is no match required for this funding.

4. Project Life Saver- BJA FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities

Approval is requested for the Mayor or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice – Office of Justice Programs- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). BJA FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities that funds the purchase of tracking technology used to find vulnerable missing persons. It also funds wandering prevention, intervention, and rescue programs, in the amount of \$150,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

5. PURCHASES

- A. Paint (Interior/Exterior) and Accessories (Annual Contract) – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- B. Two (2) Ford Transit Vans for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- C. Refurbishment of Solid Waste Grapple Truck for Public Works
- D. Declaration of Surplus and Donation of Police Bicycles
- E. Drone System with Associated Software/Equipment and Installation for the Sheriff's Office
- F. Electric Buses for Metra - Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Contract Purchase
- G. Amendment – Alcohol Management Services for Columbus Civic Center Locations (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0005

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

- 1. **Memo:** Progress Update on Compliance with Board and Commission Minute Submissions

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

- 2. **Minutes of the following boards**

457 Deferred Compensation Board 01-18-24

457 Deferred Compensation Board 11-06-25

Airport Commission 06-08-20, 06-24-20, 07-10-20, 08-10-20, 08-26-20 & 09-23-20

Airport Commission 04-28-21, 05-26-21, 07-28-21, 08-25-21 & 09-22-21

Airport Commission 09-27-23

Airport Commission 01-22-25, 06-25-25, 07-23-25, 10-19-25, 11-19-25 & 12-07-25

Airport Commission 01-08-26

Animal Control Advisory Board 01-28-26

Board of Family and Children Services 11-19-20

Board of Family and Children Services 02-18-21

Board of Family and Children Services 04-??-23, 05-??-23 & 06-15-23

Board of Family and Children Services 12-??-24

Board of Family and Children Services 07-23-25 & 11-29-25

Board of Family and Children Services 01-21-26

Board of Tax Assessors #02-26 & 03-26

Board of Zoning 05-07-25, 06-04-25, 07-09-25 & 09-03-25

Civic Center Advisory Board 06-13-24, 08-15-24 & 11-21-24

Civic Center Advisory Board 02-20-25 & 08-21-25

Columbus Convention and Visitor Board (CVB) 02-19-25, 03-19-25, 09-17-25 & 11-19-25

Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) 10-08-20

Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) 09-09-21

Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) 03-17-22 & 12-08-22

Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) 06-13-24

Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) 09-11-25 & 12-11-25

Golf Course Authority 01-28-20, 02-25-20 & 10-27-20

Golf Course Authority 02-23-21, 03-23-21, 04-27-21, 05-25-21 & 09-28-21

Golf Course Authority 02-21-22, 03-22-22, 05-24-22, 07-26-22, 08-23-22, 10-25-22 & 11-22-22

Golf Course Authority 01-24-23, 04-25-23, 08-23-23 & 10-24-23

Golf Course Authority 01-19-24

Golf Course Authority 06-17-25, 07-22-25, 08-21-25 & 10-28-25

Golf Course Authority 01-06-26

Hospital Authority of Columbus, 10-28-25

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant
Term Expires: March 1, 2026

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

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2, except for Hockey Association President
Meetings:	Quarterly – 3rd Thursday (February, May, August & November)	
Women:	3	Senatorial District 15: 5
Vacancies:	3	Senatorial District 29: 4

B. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

Vacant
Term Expires: March 1, 2026

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

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	4 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3 rd Tuesday	
Women:	6	Senatorial District 15: 5
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 5

C. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Vacant
(Business Community)
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

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

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	4 Year	Term Limit: n/a
Meetings:	Monthly – 1 st Wednesday	

Women:	4	Senatorial District 15:	9
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29:	2

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. **HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):** Fran Poole Carpenter was nominated to serve another term on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (BHAR). (*Councilor Cogle's nominee*) Term expires: January 31, 2029

B. **HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):** Shea E. Spencer was nominated to serve another term on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (BHAR). (*Councilor Cogle's nominee*) Term expires: January 31, 2029

C. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Monika Brown was nominated to fill a vacant seat on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: August 14, 2029

5. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

Emily Flournoy Waiting on Nominee
Not eligible for reappointment (*Confirmed by Council*)

Uptown Business Association
Term Expires: January 31, 2026

**Alan Udy has been recommended for Council's consideration.*

Vacant Waiting on Nominee
Board of Realtors (*Confirmed by Council*)

Term Expires: January 31, 2026

**Waiting on potential nominee's application.*

Vacant Waiting on Nominee
Columbus Homebuilders Association (*Confirmed by Council*)

Term Expires: January 31, 2028

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly – 2nd Monday

Women: 5	Senatorial District 15: 7
Vacancies: 2	Senatorial District 29: 2

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

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Jacob T. Greer
Eligible
Term Expired: March 1, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*District 5 – Crabb*)

Jennifer Teague
Eligible
Term Expired: March 1, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*District 6 – Allen*)

Vacant
Term Expires: March 1, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*District 9 – Anker*)

Katie Bishop
Eligible
Term Expired: March 1, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*District 10 – Chambers*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2, except for Hockey Association President
Meetings:	Quarterly – 3 rd Thursday (February, May, August & November)	
Women:	3	Senatorial District 15: 6
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29: 4

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Vacant
Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*District 1 – Hickey*)

Paul A. Wildes
Eligible
Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*District 2 - Davis*)

Xavier M. McCaskey

Eligible

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations

(District 3 -Huff)

Tracy Belt

Not Eligible

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations

(District 4 -Tucker)

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations

(District 5 – Crabb)

Shannon Rowe

Eligible

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations

(District 6 -Allen)

Brandy Tolbert

Eligible

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations

(District 7 -Cogle)

John House

Eligible

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations

(District 8 - Garrett)

Mike Welch

Eligible

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations

(District 9 -Anker)

James Jordan

Eligible

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations

(District 10 -Chambers)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year (Mayor Appts); 2 Year (Council Appts) Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Quarterly – 2nd Thursday (March, June, September & December)

Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 7

Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 3

C. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Paul T. Berry, III

Eligible

Term Expired: October 31, 2025

***Not interested in serving another term.**

Open for Nominations

(District 5 – Crabb)

Scott Taft

Not Eligible

Term Expired: October 31, 2025

Open for Nominations

(District 9 – Anker)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly – 3rd Thursday

Women: 3 Senatorial District 15: 4

Vacancies: 0 Senatorial District 29: 3

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant

(Georgia Veterinary Technician)

Term Expires: October 15, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(Animal Rescue Shelter Representative)

Term Expires: October 15, 2026

Recommendations are submitted by a licensed animal shelter.

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

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

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 2 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Semiannually

Women: 7 Senatorial District 15: 3

Vacancies: 3 Senatorial District 29: 4

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:

Yasmine Cathright

Not Eligible

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 5 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly – 4th Wednesday

Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 0

Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 5

C. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

Alissa Neal

Eligible

Term Expires: March 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly – 1st Wednesday

Women: 3 Senatorial District 15: 2

Vacancies: 0 Senatorial District 29: 3

D. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Christopher Smith

Eligible

Term Expires: March 24, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Olive Vidal-Kendall

Eligible

Term Expires: March 24, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

Term Expires: March 24, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

E. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

Mattie Hall

Eligible

Term Expires: March 1, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	4 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3 rd Tuesday	
Women:	6	Senatorial District 15: 5
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 5

F. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant

Term Expired: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

Term Expired: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(*Civic Center Director Recommendation / Confirmed by Council*)

Term Expired: August 14, 2027

Open for Nominations

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	4 Year	Term Limit: 3
Meetings:	Bimonthly – 2nd Thursday (January, March, May, July, September & November)	
Women:	5	Senatorial District 15: 4
Vacancies:	4	Senatorial District 29: 4

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

Judge David Ranieri

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: n/a

Meetings: Monthly – 2nd Monday

Women: 2 Senatorial District 15: 2

Vacancies: 0 Senatorial District 29: 1

H. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Vacant

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

(Alternate Member 1)

Term expires: December 31, 2027

Vacant

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

(Alternate Member 2)

Term expires: December 31, 2027

Vacant

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

(Alternate Member 3)

Term expires: December 31, 2027

Delano Leftwich

Not Eligible

(Alternate Member 4)

Term expired: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly – 3rd Wednesday

Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 2

Vacancies: 4 Senatorial District 29: 4

I. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION (PAC):

John R. Steed

Eligible

Term expires: March 31, 2026

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Twice a month – 1st & 3rd Wednesday

Women: 3 Senatorial District 15: 6

Vacancies: 0 Senatorial District 29: 3

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