

Council Members

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Charmaine Crabb

Travis L. Chambers
Glenn Davis

Simi Barnes
Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett
Toyia Tucker

Cathy Cook
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

October 13, 2026
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S A G E N D A

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Chaplain Jose Merchan, Fort Benning

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Eden Vann from Blanchard Elementary

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the September 29, 2026, Consent Agenda / Work Session.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- 2. Proclamation:** Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Receiving: Cheryl A Johnson, President & CEO West Central Georgia Cancer Coalition

PRESENTATIONS:

3. Columbus Pickleball Association – Lance Tankersley, President of Columbus Pickleball Association

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **1st Reading:** REZN 07-26-1373: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3813 Meritas Drive** (parcel # 014-004-005) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
2. **1st Reading:** REZN 08-26-1524: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1404 Hunt Avenue** (parcel # 086-063-016) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes)
3. **1st Reading:** REZN 08-26-1525: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4458 and 4462 Steam Mill Road** (parcel #088-021-004/3) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District.(Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes)
4. **1st Reading:** REZN 08-26-1527: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at 6800 Macon Road (parcel # 111-014-030) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to Heavy Manufacturing/Industrial (HMI) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Council Tucker)
5. **1st Reading:** REZN-08-26-1656: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **7500 Heardmont Ct, Lot 9** (parcel # 167-001-033) from Residential Estates 10 (RE10) Zoning District to Residential Estates 5 (RE5) Zoning District with a condition. Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis)
6. **1st Reading:** REZN-08-26-1677: An ordinance amending Sections 13.1.1 and 3.2.66 the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia, to revise certain definitions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
7. **1st Reading:** An Ordinance amending Section 17-25 of the Columbus Code to revise certain Columbus Police Department promotional requirements; and for other purposes.(Mayor Pro-Tem)
8. **1st Reading:** An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code to add a representative of the Columbus Lions professional indoor football team as a non-voting ex officio member of the Columbus Sports and Entertainment Authority; and for other purposes. (Councilor Cogle)

9. **1st Reading:** An ordinance to amend the Uptown Parking Enforcement Map contained in Section 20-13.11(b)(1). of the Columbus Code to revise permitted parking time limitations; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Emilio Rosa, representing Roque Car Sales & Rental, Re: Zoning Matter.
2. Mr. Corie Wilson, Re: Lack of Trust in Local Elected Officials Due to Curfew.
3. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: Formal Request for Council Motion to Conduct a Review of the Police Chief Under Established Leadership Accountability Standards.
4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Blight and Participatory-Budgeting.
5. Ms. Toni Webb, Re: Council Vote and Health Fair.
6. Mr. Carey Hall, Re: Alcohol License.
7. Mr. Val McGowan, Re: Pickleball Funds – Partnership, Fraud, Waste, and Abuse.
8. Ms. Vernell Strachan, representing Pine Meadows Tenant Committee, Re: Septic Issues.
9. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, representing IMA, Re: Accountability.
10. Mr. Henry Gaillard, Re: ADA Assistance for a Columbus Resident.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Director of Community Reinvestment

A resolution authorizing the appointment of Ms. Kimberly Mitchell as Director of the Community Reinvestment Department.

2. Director of Facility Maintenance

A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Mr. Edward Allen Minton as Director of the Facilities Maintenance Department.

3. Director of METRA Transit System

A resolution authorizing the appointment of Mr. Everett Fleming as Director of METRA Transit System.

4. Georgia Power Easement Request at 7533 River Road

Approval is requested to grant an easement to Georgia Power Company onto the property located at 7533 River Road, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia 31904 for an amount of \$3,200 to upgrade the electric distribution facility to improve service reliability for the area.

5. Disposition of Public Alleyways between 32nd Street and 35th Street

Approval is requested to sell city-owned property to adjacent landowner, Bibb City Enterprises, LLC, in accordance with section 7-501 paragraph 5 of the Columbus Charter, and to authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contracts, agreements, and understandings related to the conveyance of City property.

6. Cascade Hills Church - Adopt-a-Spot MOU – Highway 80/22 Corridor Beautification

Approval is requested for a Memorandum of Understanding between Columbus Consolidated Government and Cascade Hills Church for the landscaping, beautification, and ongoing maintenance of a section of Highway 80/22 from M.P. 2.2 to M.P. 2.3. This project will be authorized through the Adopt-a-Spot Program of the Columbus, Georgia Department of Public Works. Cascade Hills Church will be fully responsible for all financial requirements and ongoing maintenance of the project.

7. Public Art – Riverwalk 12th Street Area

Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Dragonfly Trails, Inc. and approve the final design of the mural to be located at the on the Riverwalk by the Waveshaper Island around 12th Street

8. Street Acceptance Located in Phase Four, Heiferhorn Farms

Approval is requested for the acceptance of Longhorn Way, that portion of Kadie Way and that portion of Calf Creek Lane, located in Phase Four, Heiferhorn Farms.

9. Street Acceptance Located in Section Two, Phase Three, North Ivy Park.

Approval is requested for the acceptance of Silver Lace Drive, Silver Lace Court, and that portion of Mountain Ivy Drive located in Section Two, Phase Three, North Ivy Park.

10. Street Acceptance Located in Old Town a Mixed Community

Approval is requested for the acceptance of Seafoam Drive, that portion of High Hat Drive and that portion of Dancing Blaze Drive located in Old Town, a Mixed Community.

11. 2027 Legislative Agenda

Approval is requested of the resolutions for the 2027 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

12. FY2028 5303 Grant Application for Planning Assistance

Approval is requested to authorize the Department of Transportation/METRA to apply to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for a capital, planning, and operating grant in the amount of \$170,027.00, or as otherwise awarded. Approval is also requested to authorize the City to accept the grant, if awarded, and execute any contracts with the Federal Transit Administration and/or the Georgia Department of Transportation relating to the grant.

13. Georgia Trauma Commission – Georgia Trauma Care Network

Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$17,898.33 or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Trauma Commission – Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission, with no local match required and amend the Multi-Government Fund by the award amount. The grant funds will be used to purchase equipment that will be used to better equip Columbus Fire and EMS in the treatment of trauma patients.

14. PURCHASES

- A. Pine Grove Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Phase 5: Cells 5A – 5C – RFP No. 26-0017
- B. Laboratory Services Contract for Engineering
- C. Contract Extension for Traffic Sign Materials (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0008
- D. Facility Maintenance Equipment and Services (Annual Contract) – BuyBoard Cooperative Purchase
- E. First-In Alerting Smart Station System for Fire & EMS – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
- F. Three (3) Ford Mavericks for Inspections and Codes – Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase
- G. Contract Extension for Custodial Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0039
- H. Five (5) 2027 Ford Bronco Sport Suvs for Tax Assessor – Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase
- I. Used & Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap for Police Department – RFB No. 27-0004
- J. Two (2) Ford F-150 Trucks for METRA – Georgia Statewide Cooperative Purchase
- K. Declaration of Surplus and Donation of One (1) Ford F-450 Diesel Ambulance

- L. Concessionaire Services Contract Extension for Parks and Recreation Sports Facilities (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0012
- M. Contract Extension for Electrical Fixtures, Parts and Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0004

15. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Pickleball Update - Ryan Pruett, Director of Inspections & Code
- B. Public Safety Building Update - Ryan Pruett Director of Inspections & Code
- C. Bradley Circle Landfill Compliance Report Update - Kimberly Mitchell, Assistant Director of Community Reinvestment

DATE: October 13, 2026

TO: Mayor and Councilors

FROM: Finance Department

SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

October 14, 2026

1. Dragonfly Trail – River Road Segment (S.R. 219) – RFP No. 27-0006

Scope of Bid

This project consists of constructing a new trail beginning near Cascade Road in Columbus, Georgia. The trail will run south along River Road (SR 219) and continue west to the existing riverwalk at Lake Oliver Road. The project length is approximately 5,026 lf and includes a 10' wide concrete trail, pedestrian bridge, landscape improvements, stormwater improvements, and trail amenities. Additional work associated with the project includes minor demolition and clearing, erosion control, grading, and signage. Portions of the project are located on state right-of-way. A GDOT encroachment permit has been obtained by the City of Columbus. A dbf goal of 10% has been established for this project.

2. Tennis Court Resurfacing at Lakebottom Park and Double Churches Park – RFB No. 27-0011

Scope of Bid

Provide all labor, equipment, and materials to resurface the tennis courts at Lakebottom Park and Double Churches Park.

3. Electrical Fixtures, Parts and Supplies – RFB No. 27-0012

Scope of RFB

Provide various electrical fixtures, parts and supplies to Columbus Consolidated Government on an “as needed” basis. The contract period will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

October 28, 2026

1. Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System – RFP No. 27-0008

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide a fully integrated Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system and related implementation services. The proposed system shall modernize financial, human resource, and administrative operations through a secure, scalable, and integrated solution.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. Upcoming Board Appointments: Airport Commission
2. Upcoming Board Appointments:Board of Health
3. Upcoming Board Appointments:Board of Honor
4. Upcoming Board Appointments: Board of Tax Assessors
5. Upcoming Board Appointments: Board of Water Commissioners
6. Upcoming Board Appointments: Columbus & Visitors Board of Commissioners (CVB)
7. Upcoming Board Appointments: Housing Authority of Columbus

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

8. **Resolution:** A Resolution approving the erection of honorary street signage reading “Dr. Tony R. Dickerson Way” at the intersection of Prince Avenue and St. Mary’s Road. *(Approval of this resolution will reconcile the action taken by Council on September 8, 2026.)*
9. **Resolution:** A Resolution approving the renaming of the Boxwood Recreation Center in honor of the late Councilor Jerry ‘Pops’ Barnes. *(Approval of this resolution will reconcile the action taken by Council on September 8, 2026.)*
10. **Resolution:** A Resolution excusing Councilor Simi Barnes from the September 29, 2026, Consent Agenda / Work Session.

11. **Resolution:** A Resolution excusing Councilor Joanne Cogle from the September 29, 2026, Consent Agenda / Work Session.

12. **Resolution:** A Resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the September 29, 2026, Consent Agenda / Work Session.

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

Animal Control Advisory Board 03-18-26

Board of Children and Family Services 09-24-26

Board of Tax Assessors #35-26

Columbus Airport Commission 08-27-26

Columbus Golf Authority 08-18-26

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 08-10-26

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners (CVB) 08-19-26

Downtown Development Authority 08-26-26

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. **AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

Vacant

Finance/Accounting or Governmental Rep.

Term Expires: June 30, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Mayor's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 2 Year Term Limit: 3

Meetings: Meets as needed.

Women: 1 Senatorial District 15:

Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29:

B. **COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:**

Vacant

Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

C. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Vacant

(Business Community)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

15. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. **TREE BOARD:** Olivia Sampson was nominated to fill a vacant seat for an at-large representative.
(Councilor Cogle's nominee) Term expires: December 31, 2028

16. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):

Vacant

Uptown Business Association

Term Expires: January 31, 2029

Open for Nominations
(Confirmed by Council)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
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Meetings:	Monthly – 2 nd Monday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 6
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 2

B. UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:

Vacant
Uptown Columbus
 Term Expires: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Confirmed by Council)

Vacant
Uptown Business Improvement District
 Term Expires: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Confirmed by Council)

Vacant
Uptown Business Improvement District
 Term Expires: October 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Confirmed by Council)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

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

A. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Vacant
 Term Expired: October 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(District 3 – Huff)

Vacant
 Term Expired: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 4 – Tucker)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant
Term Expires: April 11, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Ethelyn W. Riley
Eligible for reappointment
Term Expired: April 11, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Karen D. Gaskins
Eligible for reappointment
Term Expired: October 15, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Jo A. Brown
Georgia Licensed Veterinarian/Licensed Veterinarian Tech
Eligible for reappointment
Term Expired: October 15, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Note: All board appointments were on hold while the Animal Control Advisory Board developed recommendations for Council's consideration regarding the board's composition.

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	The board shall meet at a time and place designated by the board chairman. The chairman is authorized to adjust the schedule, except that the board is required to meet at least semiannually.	
Women:	7	Senatorial District 15: 2
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 3

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:

Yasmine Cathright

Not Eligible

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

C. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 24, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

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

Sandra Gill

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Nancy Schroeder

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Judge David Ranieri

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: n/a
Meetings:	Monthly – 2nd Monday	
Women:	2	Senatorial District 15: 3
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29: 1

E. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Vacant

(Alternate Member 1)

Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(Alternate Member 2)

Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(Alternate Member 3)

Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Delano Leftwich

Not Eligible

(Alternate Member 4)

Term expired: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

F. RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

(Senatorial District 29)

Term expires: December 31, 2027

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	4 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Bimonthly – Last Wednesday, except November	
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15: 4
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 2

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

Dr. Janet C. Bussey

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

H. TREE BOARD:

Vacant

(Residential Development)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(Commercial or Industrial Development)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(Public Utility Representative)

Term expires: July 1, 2028

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Meets as needed.	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 5
Vacancies:	4	Senatorial District 29: 1

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