

Council Members

R. Gary Allen
Charmaine Crabb

Travis L. Chambers
Glenn Davis

Byron Hickey
Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett
Toyia Tucker

Judy W. Thomas
Joanne Cogle

Clerk of Council
Sandra T. Davis



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

January 07, 2025
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor, Rev. Dr. Arthur H. Mitchell- Friendship Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

OATHS OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY CHIEF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE ARTHUR L. SMITH, III:

1. Councilor Glenn Davis – District 2
Councilor Toyia Tucker – District 4
Councilor R. Gary Allen – District 6
Councilor R. Walker Garrett – District 8
Councilor Travis L. Chambers – District 10 At-Large

MINUTES

2. Approval of minutes for the December 17, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PROCLAMATION:

3. **Proclamation:** Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Receiving: Public Safety

TRANSITIONAL AUDIT REQUEST

4. Request from Newly Elected Solicitor General Shevon Thomas for a Transitional Audit of the Solicitor General's Office.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

1. A resolution appointing the Mayor Pro-Tem for Columbus, Georgia for a term of two (2) years.
2. A resolution appointing the Clerk of Council for Columbus, Georgia for a term of two (2) years.
3. A resolution appointing the Deputy Clerk of Council for Columbus, Georgia for a term of two (2) years.

ORDINANCES

4. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending Section 11-17.15 of the Columbus Code, to amend certain provisions pertaining to the position of division chief within the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Services; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
5. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending Section 2-69 of the Columbus Code pertaining to the duties of the internal auditor, to clarify an additional duty; and for other purposes. (Councilor Tucker)
6. **1st Reading-** REZN-10-24-2210: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5201 Macon Road** (parcel # 098-001-002) from Single Family Residential - 2 (SFR2) to Single Family Residential - 3 (SFR3) Zoning District with conditions and Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department recommends conditional approval. PAC recommends denial.) (Councilor Hickey)

7. **1st Reading-** REZN-10-24-2232: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1126 30th Street** (parcel # 029-013-001) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
8. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2025 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities. (FY25 MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT) (Budget Review Committee)
9. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending Section 2-68 of the Columbus Code to provide that the internal auditor/compliance officer shall be solely subject to the direction of the Columbus Council; and for other purposes. (Councilor Hickey)
10. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending Section 3-5(e) of the Columbus Code, to revise a provision pertaining to the issuance of alcohol licenses; and for other purposes. (Councilors Davis and Garrett)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mrs. Audrey Holston Palmore, Re: Property located at 2928 10th Street that was previously listed on the demolition list on January 23, 2024 and was removed.
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Paws Humane Negotiations.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. **Resolution for Management & Operation Agreement for Animal Shelter and Animal Field Services**

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with the PAWS animal services division of PAWS humane, Inc. (Columbus, Ga) for animal care and control services.

To view the Animal Care and Control/PAWS Humane Public Meeting held on December 30, 2024, please copy the link in your browser.

<https://youtu.be/fME-DSxidCg?si=c5VfwAjDCW4Zz8xC>

2. FY2026 Georgia Department of Transportation – Transportation Planning Contract

Approval is requested to execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Financial Assistance to carry out the FY2026 Transportation Planning Work Activities of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS). Transportation planning funds in the amount of \$342,502.81 are requested in the form of a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation. This is an annual contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, which will require a 20% match of \$85,625.70, which is budgeted in the FY2026 General Fund.

3. FY2026 Georgia Department of Transportation – Y410 Funds -Transportation Planning Contract

Approval is requested to execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Financial Assistance to carry out the FY2026 Y410 Planning funds for Safe & Accessible Transportation Options - (H.R. 3684 - Sect, 11206), as outlined in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). This funding is required to be included in the Transportation Planning Work Activities of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS). The Y410 Transportation planning funds in the amount of \$8,782.12 is requested in the form of a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. This is a five-year annual contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration which began in FY 2023 and will conclude in FY 2027, as outlined in the IIJA. This will require a new budget to be created by the Finance Department.

4. Memorandum of Agreement: CFEMS & RightSite Health Physicians PLLC

Approval is requested to execute the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) related to telehealth services jointly provided through the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services by RiteSite Health Physicians PLLC.

5. Lease of Equipment for Golf Courses - Toro Grounds Keeping Equipment

Approval is requested to enter a lease of one piece of Toro grounds keeping equipment, with accessories, from Huntington National Bank over a 48-month period in the total amount of \$33,824.57.

6. Lease of Equipment for Golf Courses – Yamaha Golf Car Equipment

Approval is requested to enter a lease for one piece of Yamaha Golf Car equipment from Yamaha Motor Finance Corporation over a 48-month period in total amount of \$9,146.40.

7. PURCHASES

- A. Infantry Road and Follow Me Trail PI # 0015285 – RFB No. 24-0040
- B. Additional Resource for Pursuit Vehicle Buildout Services (Annual Contract) – TIPS USA Cooperative Contract
- C. Georgia First Responder Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Program Insurance
- D. Extension of Memorandum of Agreement for Mental Health Services for Muscogee County Prison
- E. Repair of Caterpillar D7R II Bulldozer for Public Works
- F. Annual Maintenance/Service Agreement for the Camera Integration Platform for Police Department – Cooperative Contract Purchase

INFORMATION ONLY:

1. Information Only: Exigent “Off the Lot” Vehicle Purchases – Resolution No. 106-24

On December 16, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD Flatbed Dump Truck for Public Works Department-Community Services due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 354-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Son’s Chevrolet LLC (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$70,937.00. The vehicle will be used to haul materials and move equipment. This is a new vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY25 Budget: General Fund – Public Works – Public Works – Light Trucks; 0203-260-3130-ROWM-7722.

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Update on Proposed Management Agreement Between CACC and PAWS Humane - Isaiah Hugley, City Manager
- B. Proposed General Aviation Terminal Building - Amber Clark, Airport Director, CSG Columbus Airport

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Letter from Mr. Alfred Hayes, Jr. resigning from his seat on the Board of Zoning Appeals effective January 30, 2025.
2. RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Councilor Judy Thomas from the January 7, 2025 Council Meeting. **(Add-On)**
3. **Minutes of the following boards:**
 - Audit Committee, November 20, 2024
 - Board of Tax Assessors, #41-24
 - Board of Zoning Appeals, October 2, and November 6, 2024
 - Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, November 20, 2024
 - Historic & Architectural Review Board, August 12, 2024
4. RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the January 7, 2025 Council Meeting. **(Add-On)**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

5. **COUNCIL'S DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENT- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**
 - A. **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

VACANT

(Council District 5- Crabb)

Term Expires: October 31, 2025

Councilor Crabb is nominating Pete Berry to fill the unexpired vacant seat.

**Daniel Street was confirmed to fill the unexpired term of Jennifer Upshaw; however, the onboarding process was not completed.*

6. **COUNCIL’S CONFIRMATION - NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FROM AN ORGANIZATION / AGENCY MAY BE CONFIRMED:**

A. **HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:**

Toney Johnson

(Historic District Preservation Soc. Rep)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: January 31, 2025

Nomination from the

Historic District Preservation Society

(Council’s Appointment)

The Historic District Preservation Society is recommending Toney Johnson to serve another term of office.

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

A. **HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:**

Alex Griggs

(Architect Rep)

Rotating off the board

Term Expires: January 31, 2025

Open for Nominations

(Council’s Appointment)

The terms are three years. Meets monthly.

Women: 6

Senatorial District 15: 10

Senatorial District 29: 1

B. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Dennis Walsh

(Alternate Member 1)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: December 31, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Willie L. Belfield, Jr.

(Alternate Member 2)

Appointed to Regular Member seat

Term Expires: December 31, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Donna D. Baker

(Alternate Member 3)

Appointed to Regular Member seat

Term Expires: December 31, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms are three years. Meets monthly.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 5

C. VALLEY PARTNERSHIP JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

Monte Galbraith

Resigned

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term is four years. Meets every other month beginning in February.

Women: 0

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 1

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